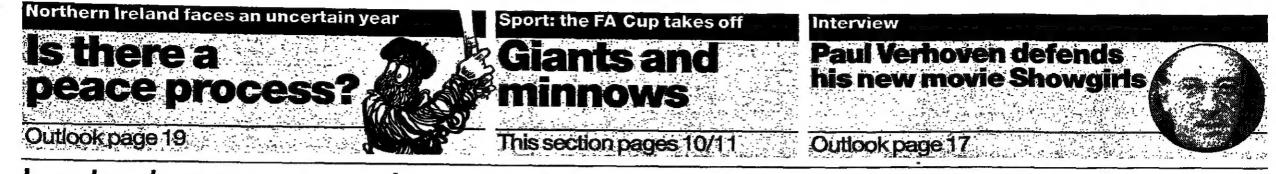


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Leaked memo reveals conspiracy to silence Saudi dissident Mas'ari

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with ministers, Whitehall offi-clais and the CIA to find a way of "stifling" the Saudi op-position leader, Mohammed al-Mas'ari, according to a coning aeronautical or defence fidential report by the chief executive of the defence firm ales worth £3 billion.

Highlighting the symbiotic relationship between the Vickers, which has been leaked to the Guardian. The internal Vickers memarms firms and various branches of government, the Vickers memo records Sir Colin and BAe's chief execuorandum, written by Sir Colin Chandler — formerly head of arms exports at the Ministry of Defence — pro-vides an extraordinary intive jointly proposing that the Government try to "offset some of the Saudi criticism of sight into the relationship be-tween government and the defence industry and their us" by inviting President Sadindustry and their common determination to neutralise the threat to multibillion pound contracts posed

by the presence of Saudi dissi-dents in London. The memo, dated last September 6, reveals that

dam's son-in-law - who de-fected to Jordan last August - to Britain and then "feeding some of the intelligence back to the kingdom". Sir Colin was later tele phoned by Andrew Green -now appointed ambassador t Saudi Arabia - who told him

As well as the exchanges with Mr Evans and Mike Rouse of British Aerospace, the Vickers memo refers to contacts with Sir David Lees chairman of GKN, over the

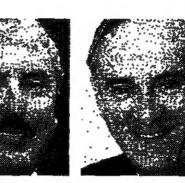
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5th September 1995

Sir David Lees, chairman of GKN, was "of the mind to write to Michael **Heseltine**"; Deputy Prime Minister, about Mr Mas'ari

Dick Evans, chief executive



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Andrew Green, the new ambassador to Saudi Arabia, rang to say British de-briefing material had been passed to King Fahd

MOHAMMED AL-MAS'ARI Bearing in mind the impor-tance of Saudi Arabia to British Aerospace, I had a word with Dick Evans on the telewith Dick Svans on the tele-phone about this dissident, on 31st August. What Dick told me was rather interesting, and shed some new light on facets of this problem that perhaps we had not known before.

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6th September 1995

To: Mr J. D. Hastie From: Sir Colin Chandler

cc: Mr J. A. Crowther .

dain, we all recognise the im-portance of Prince Sultan in the defence deal and the actions that have been taken by British Aerospace have been mainly to try and calm the local situation by playing down the importance of our

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al-Mas'ari. Another more disturbing turn recently has been that the dissidents' messages have also tried to stir the local populace and religious commu nity against experiates work-ing in the kingdom. These have been mainly directed at the Americans but more recently have also been direc-ted at the British. This starts to bring al-Mas'ari's activities into an area where some action might be taken. This is because these recent activi-ties could be tantamount to inciting a form of terrorism and certainly the US authorities, and in particular the CIA, have become much more interested and, according to Dick, are in some dialogue with their counterparts in this country. As you can imagine Evans said that he

of BAc, who is said to have told Sir Colin: "BAe security people were constantly examining the problem Vickers memorandum

ritain D d to Saudi Ara bia secret intelligence on Saddam Hussein to appease Saudi anger over Mr Mas'ari's activities in London. The document also refers "direct Saudi intervention" against the prominent Saudi dissident, now threatthe British arms manufactur ened with deportation to ers are closely involved in Dominica, and attempts to

Saudi palace intrigue, backing Prince Sultan, who Sir Colin makes clear is regarded "stifle him personally". In a three-page note to David Hastie — Vickers's inas crucial to their contra ternational relations director Sir Colin records a "genera and another former MoD offifeeling" in intellige cial - Sir Colin describes a business circles that "direct Saudi intervention" agains discussion with Dick Evans, Mr Mas'ari "could be difficult chief executive of British Aerospace, who reported anxiety in the CIA "and their because he is, as you probably know, the son of a leading cleric" in the kingdom. counterparts in this country" about the impact of Mr The Vickers memo also reveals that British Aero-space security staff were Mas'ari's campaign against the Saudi royal family and

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alogue" over the issue with British intelligence. Yesterday Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, declared that the rights of political refugees had to be weighed sgainst British economic in-terests. Speaking in Delhi, he mid next to how taken action Last night Vickers refused to comment on the contents of Sir Colin's memorandum. A Foreign Office spokesman said it could make no comment "on what appears to be leaked information". said not to have taken action against Mr Mas'ari would have been detrimental to

The Vickers memo, page 6; Deals that buy our allence, page 13; Leas page 14 Britain and would also have

already taken place in Float Amman and "material had been passed to both King Fahd and the Saudi foreign minister". This had "earned us many plaudits". The Vickers memo shows

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The memo from Vickers chief executive Sir Colin Chandler to David Hastle, the firm's international relations director

Thwarting the grim reaper

Jackpot tops £40m

Lawrence Donegan

destroyed jobs.

HE Government came under renewed pressure to impose a limit on National Lottery jackpots last night after it was announced that the prize for tonight's draw would be at least \$40 million.

Camelot, the lottery operator, said the record jackpot would arise from ticket sales expected to reach 115 million. - 70 per cent above an aver-age week. Camelot's communications director, David Rigg, said: "Hourly sales will probably top £5 million during tomorrow afternoon. Sales yesterday and today have been tremendously high and we expect this to continue right through until close of terminals tomorrow at 7.30000.

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Murayama paves way for Liberal Democrat return

Japan in shock as Socialist PM quits

Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo

APAN'S prime minis ter, Tomiichi Murayama, yesterday an-nounced to a stunned nation that he planned to resign because the new year was time for a new man with new ideas to take over.

"In spite of a series of unex-pected problems, I did my best. In some ways, I've been working above the limits of my capacity," the Socialist, red 71, admitted. The decision clears the way

for a return to power of the conservative Liberal Democratic Party which has dominated post-war Japanese poli-tics. Its leader, the feisty trade and industry minister. Ryutaro Hashimoto, whose character is in marked contrast to Mr Murayama's, was last night the hot favourite to take over as prime minister.

But attempts were being made to persuade dissidents within all leading parties to defect and shake up Japan's political kaleidoscope yet again. The new prime minis-ter will be the fourth in 30

months. "I will not run away or dodge the responsibility if asked to be the prime minister," said Mr Hashimoto, toss ing his hat into the ring.

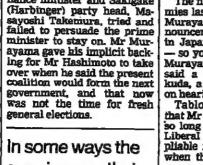
The chief cabinet secretary, Koken Nosaka, the government's main spokesman, de scribed Mr Murayama's decision as "out of the blue, sudden". The prime minister, in cheerful mood, told a news conference that he had decided on new year's day. "I thought it was time to make a fresh start for the new year with a new man in charge.

Other leaders of the three party coalition government. Hashimoto and the fi-

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"On new year's day, I looked at the blue sky and looked back at myself and considered the historical role that was given to me to preside over the 50th anniver-sary of the end of the war, and I think I did my best, and like

the new year's weather, I could now see clear light ahead. Then I decided," the ment of the people

prime minister said. In some ways the surprise was that the Mr Murayama, the first Socialist prime minister for almost 50 years, last ed so long. He had taken over when the Socialists bolted from the fragile "rainbow coalition" after the summer 1993 elections and ended up embracing their old enemies, the Liberal Democrats. Mr Murayama, a man popularly known as "Grandpop" and famous only for his

bushy eyebrows, had had no experience of ministerial Tomiichi Murayama: kotown ffectionately as 'Grandpop' office when he was thrust into

the hot seat in summer 1994. nance minister and Sakigake The new alliance of old enemies lasted 555 days until Mr Murayama's made his announcement yesterday. "Five in Japan is pronounced 'Go' - so you can say that it was Murayama, Go Go Go day," said a cynical Shizuko Fu-

kuda, a Tokyo office worker. on hearing the news. Tabloid newspapers said that Mr Murayama had basted so long because it suited the Liberal Democrats to have a pliable front man, especially when the Japanese economy was experiencing four years of recession and the country

is still suffering the effects of earthquakes and terrorist attacks. Nikkan Gendai claimed last night that "the LDP had been

preparing to abandon its Murayama robot from the end of last year".

The newly elected leader of the opposition Shinshinto (New Frontier Party), Ichiro Ozawa, claimed that moves to name his old rival Mr Hashi-moto were undemocratic, and called for a general election. "The simple change of pre-miers within the three parties is not good at all. The govern ment should ask for the judge-

Surviving the downpour ... An Indonesian girl helps her elster wade across a street in Jakarta yesterday. At least 18 people have been killed in floods, and nine more are missing after a ship sank. More torrential rains are expected PHOTOGRAPH ENNY NURAHENI

Zaire to shut Rwandan refugee camps

HE future of about 1 million Rwandan refugees has been thrown into doubt after Zaire said it would begin closing camps on its eastern border within days. President Mobutu Sese Se-

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ko's cabinet held an emergency meeting to discuss the

dispute yesterday, after the foreign minister, Kamanda wa Kamanda, said the UN cause Mr Mobutu interpreted the plan as forced repatriation and objected to it. **High Commissioner for Refu** With so few Hutu refuge gees had agreed the "modal-ities" to send the Rwandans willing to return to Rwanda. ement was see the announ home. Rwandan officials said as heralding another forced they were told that the cabimass repatriation. - Chris meeting was called be-McGreal in Johannesburg

The Guardian Saturday January 6 1996

Britain tipped off Indians about secret arms drop

uzanne Goldenberg h New Delhi

HE Home Secretary, Michael Howard, revealed yesterday that British intelligence had tipped off the Indian authorities about a secret arms drop over West Bengal last month, introducing rare certainty into a saga befuddling the Indian government

Indian security agencies and aviation officials are deeply embarrassed by the incident, chiefly by their failure to seize the Latvianregistered AN-26 plane until after the drop had been made in the remote Purulia district, and their utter bewilderment over

who the arms were for.

A former British army of-ficer, Peter Bleach, five Latvian crew and an Indian businessman are in custody in Calcutta. Another crew member, a New Zealander identified as Kim Davy, walked out of a police cell

at Bombay airport and has not been seen since. New Zealand yesterday said he had false documents and that the real Kim Davy died as a child

ing India and Pakistan, said Indian authorities bad been informed in advance of the activities of Mr Bleach, an arms dealer believed to be based in Yorkshire.

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tain - despite swift Indian claims of Pakistani involvement. The Indian press has

gone to town on the story., following up the contradictory theories with gusto. But conflicting press reports point to a feud between police and intelligence agencies, and recriminations over the security

At the beight of the panic, authorities forced two planes to land for a search

It is not known why

the plane pursued

a circuitous route

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of their cargo, before clear ing them. Police then investigated, among others, Maoist guerrilla groups, coal mafias and other crim-inal gangs, as well as Paki-stanis, and Burmese and

Bangladeshi separatists.

It is also uncertain why the arms plane pursued crew may have been as confused as the Indian authorities, and the plane had suf-fered from technical

The Latvian aircraft, which left Karachi on December 17, was finally seized when it landed back at Bombay on December 21 after making the arms drop

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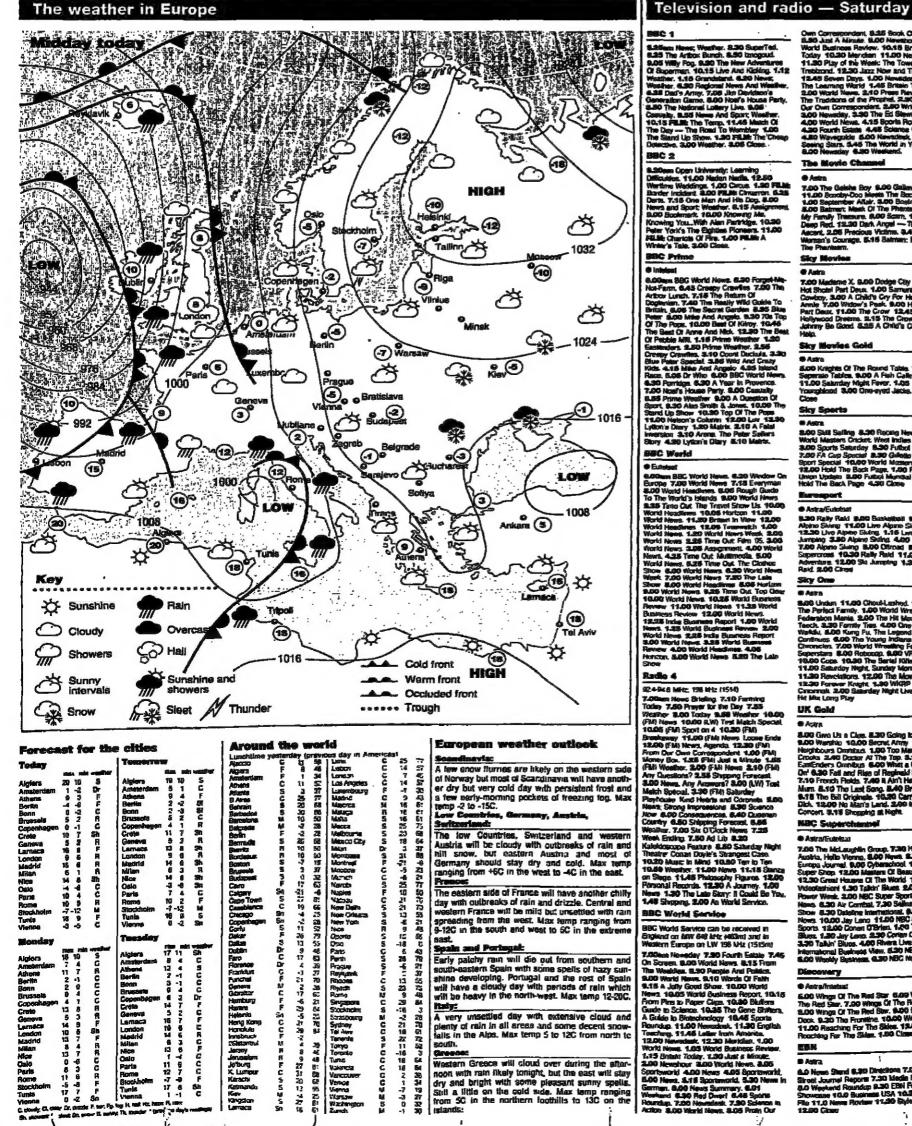
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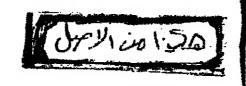
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HE pointsman led the way, weaving in and out of the rush-hour traffic on his low-slung Soviet machine. Soon we were roaring through the woody undergrowth of Le-nin Hills. Behind the Gorbachev estate at the back of Gorky Park, over a bridge and through a locked gate. lay the Secret Garden of Russian bikers — the Den of the Night Wolves.

David Hearst in Mescow

It was a huge open-air stadium,. the Green Theatre, a grandiose Stalin-ist creation. In a cellar beneath the concrete auditorium lay the bikers' club. Before us were the Brotherhood and their gleaming machines, individual acts of mind over matter.

The two-cylinder heavy Soviet motorbike cannot be driven away from the fac-tory gate. If has to be carried away, taken apart and reassembled before an act as foolhardy as ignition can be attempted. Disassembly is not only an arduous, costly business.

"It's a mental process Sergei explained from be-hind a cloud of cigarette smoke. "It's essential to have the right man, your man, in the right place." The Ural, the Dniepr,

even the Czech Yavva, are hardly names to inspire confidence. His mate Dennis caught a distant sound. The throbbing contrabass of exhaust pipes was the unmistakable signature of a Harley Davidson: "That'll be Sacha the Surgeon." The gleaming machine floated in. To our relief, Sacha ac-tually was a surgeon. In the Den, (bar to the

left, violent United States cop film on the television to the right) Sacha tucked into a multi-layered sandwich. Between mouthfuls be said: "The biker always was in

opposition — philosophi-cally, I mean. Before, we had the communists. But we jumped from the frying pan into the fire. Now everything is about money. For us, the only thing that matters is the Brotherhood and the Bike."

Sacha comes from a family of bikers. His grandfather emerged from the second world war with a VLA-42, one of the Harley us the An



Illustrated man . . . Moscow biker Sergei displays an impressive armful of tattoo

their Lend-Lease aid. "He | bikes, and are sure that all drove his blke through the streets of liberated Berlin. this is from the bourgeois West. They hate us all the He was the first rocker." more, because we don't have Today's heavy men have other problems. The GAL Russia's army of roadside any money to give them." And then there are the cops who flag down their victims to exact a heavy toll

of thinly disguised bribes, is the main one. Sergei said: "The GAI "Something is always going almost gentle, polite souls. or thinly hisguised that on you," said Dennis. Sergei said: "The GAI "Something is always going almost gentle, polite souls. have a hammer and sickle wrong. And then there's They have all the gear, the branded on their foreheads. the weather, which allows and crossbones rings, but

The truth is that Russia's | goes with it. The first Inter-tikers spend more time | national Bike Show which inderneath their dream | took place in Moscow last book - translated word for word from the US Hell's

EUROPEAN NEWS 3

Zhirinovsky jockeys for foreign minister post

Kozyrev resigns to take up MP's seat

David Hearst in Moscow

USSIA'S foreign min-ister, Andrei Kozyrev, who had clung to his post long after domestic support for him evaporated, resigned yester-day to take up his seat in parliament.

has rarely been out of trouble. Early on, he dismayed the for-eign policy establishment by hitching policy closely to the star of his party, Russia's Choice. He renounced inter-est in Russia's backyard and declared that Russia's first duty was to rejoin the com-munity of "civilised" Western His resignation, which came as no surprise, was ac-cepted last night by President Boris Yeltsin, who said he was thinking "more and more" about running for a second term. In October Mr Yeltsin gave

Mr Kozyrev, his longest serv-ing minister, what amounted countries. Last year he jumped ship, leaving Russia's Choice over to a vote of no confidence by publicly criticising him and its opposition to the military operation in Chechenia, dehis department for the hand-ling of the Bosnian war and Nato's expansion.

doubts. His pro-Western stance aroused the suspicion of the military and foreign intelligence establishments. which accused him of selling Russian interests short. The foreign minister came

Last night, as the many caninto open conflict with parliadidates for the sensitive post jockeyed for position, Sergel ment over Russia's failure to make its influence felt with Medvedev, the presidential spokesman, said the West sbould not see the resignation the US over the Nato bombing of the Bosnian Serbs. as a threat or change of course in foreign policy. The decline of Russia's in-fluence abroad has become a mistake of a friend" rather visit to China.

than the plotting of an enemy. This contrasts with the in-creasingly anti-Nato com-ments of the defence minister. General Pavel Grachev. political hot potato, and the formal application for the post last night by the extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirin-ovsky reminded Mr Yeltsin that he cannot afford to

Pro-Western critics argue that Mr Kozyrev's twists and turns have left his successor with a gargantuan task in try-ing to establish a credible forignore the growing nationalist mood. During his five years in office Mr Kozyrev, aged 44.

eign policy. There is a long list of favoured replacement candidates, mostly career diplo-mats. After Anatoli Adamashin, the Russian ambassador to Britain, was unexpectedly summoned to the president's holiday dacha last summer, speculation grew munity of "civilised" Western that he would be appointed.

More recently, Mr Yeltsin's foreign policy adviser, Dmitri Ryurikov, was said to have been groomed for the post leor Ivanov, the deputy forspite privately voicing eign minister, Vitaly Chur-kin, Russia's ambassador to Nato and Brussels, and the former speaker of parliament Ivan Rybkin, are all in the frame

> The new foreign minister will be on a much tighter leash, having to report to a new body to co-ordinate foreign policy, headed by Mr Yeltsin.

Mr Kozyrev recently ar-Russia's foreign initiatives gued that Nato's failure to ac-knowledge Russia's interests this year will be aimed east rather than west. The highlight will be a delayed Yeltsin

Poll victor vows to make West respect Turkey

Convicts free

Jonathan Rugman In Ankara

ECMETTIN Erbakan, leader of Turkey's pro-Islamic Welfare Party which won last month's gen-eral election, made it clear yesterday he would pursue a flercely independent foreign policy if he forms a zovernment.

This would include the renegotiation of a customs union agreement between Ankara and the European Union, and the expulsion from Turkey of allied planes protecting Kurds in neigh-

Muslim member could show the West the Islamic world

was no threat. He condemned the customs

bouring Iraq. "Up to now, the West has treated Turkey as a minor were seized in Istanbul's alliance.

fered the chance to form the next coalition government during a meeting with Presi-dent Suleyman Demirel on hostage guards

Tuesday. But for almost a formight, leaders of secular parties have been plotting new alli-ances to try to prevent the Islamists from finding a coalition partner. If Welfare's leader fails to form a government within 45 days, the task will probably fail to the pro-Western caretaker prime minister, Tansu Ciller, who is seeking a coalition between her centre-right True Path Party and its arch-rival Motherland Party, headed by Mesut Yilmaz, with a smaller leftwing party completing the

But Mr Yiimaz has issued

veiled threats that if Ms Ciller

refuses to give up her post, he will go behind her back and

form a coalition with Mr

The political uncertainty

has scared off foreign inves-

tors, with the central bank and treasury setting high in-

terest rates to maintain confi-

dence in the lira, which fell against foreign currencies after the polls. Mr Erbakan's solutions for

unemployment, standing at

11 million, and cutting annual

inflation of 93.6 per cent in-

clude renegotiating the terms of an International Monetary

Others threw bricks and

boulders from the rooftops. The ensuing riots forced the

nayor to resign. The level of public support

for the squatters eventually forced his successor, Henning

Voscherau, to accept their

presence. Last year he began negotiating with them. In mid-December one of his aides, Thomas Mirow, made

LEFTWING prisoners yes-terday released guards seized at an Ankara jail but other prisoners still held more than 20 wardens hostage in a nationwide pro-test. The inmates at the Closed Prison released six

guards and an official seized earlier in the day. Prisoners in Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir and Yozgat rioted after three inmates were killed in a clash with troops at a high-security jail in Istanbul on Thurs-day. Another 12 wardens

Erbakan.

bikers spend more time underneath their dream machines than on top of them. But there's the Brotherhood, with its rule

bikes themselves. "Let's be honest. You can't really go that far on an Ural or a Angels.

PHOTOGRAPH: GLEB KOSORUKO

summer in Red Square had more of a New Age feel to it. The bikers little by little are forming their own counter-culture, in the teeth of the rich new Rus-

sians who hate them. "What we need is our own bike, based on the Dniepr Escort, but a road-ster version of it," said Sa-cha. "Just so we have noth-

But Mr Kozyrev battled on, even suggesting after his last meeting with Mr Yeltsin that he could "combine" his ministerial job with that of a deputy, something prohibited under the constitution.

gave the Red Army under | look at our long hair, our | months of the year."



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News in brief ******************************** stance Police clear

strike depot

French police cleared the last bus depot occupied by striking Marseille yesterday, angering hardliners who pledged to keep up a month-long strike. Earlier, 500 strikers marched to the city hall after the mayor, Jean-Claude Gau-din, also minister for urban affairs, let police enforce a court order authorising the forcible clearance of the remaining depots. — Reuter.

Hospital burnt out Kuwaiti inmates burnt down a prison hospital in a pre-

dawn riot yesterday before se curity forces quelled the disturbances, the interior ministry said. — Reuter.

Meaty judgment

A wild boar named Spa'an will remain in the new Muppet movie, because the second US Circuit Court of Appeals in New York rejected Hormel Foods Corporation's argument that a "grolesque, un-tidy" character in Muppet Treasure Island would "in-spire negative and unsavory associations" with the luncheon meat - AP.

Upright male

Ramon Casadiego Fajardo, aged 22, of Barranquilla, Colombia, underwent an opera tion this week to rid himself of an erection that lasted three days - a condition known as priapism — Bogo-tá's El Tiempo newspaper said - Reuter.

Worshippers held A Bahraini opposition group said police fired tear gas and rubber bullets and arrested ens of worshippers who gathered in a mosque in Bani lamra to hear a sermon by a Shi'ite cleric. -- Reuter.

Vegetarian trout

Finnish researchers are working to create vegetarian trout, which would be cheaper to feed on farms and release fewer harmful chemicals into the water. - Reuter.

Low-IQ death

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Lines open 7 days a week

the site is near some of Ger-Walter Correll, aged 34, who many's most exclusive hotels had an IQ of 68, was put to and brothels, and across the street from where a famous market is held on Sundays, death in Jarratt, Virginia, for the fatal stabbing of a man during an abduction and robcity officials feared the squatters would harm tourism. bery in 1985. Governor George Allen refused Correll's appeal Early attempts to remove them failed in the face of for clemency about an hour before the execution. — AP.

country, serving Western in-terests," Mr Erbakan told for-day. — Reuter. eign journalists in a meeting intended to stop what he called press misreporting of

union — which began on Monday — for excluding Turkish farm produce from the tariff-free zone and hin-dering trade with the self-de-clared "Turkish Republic of Norther Commun" Welfare's anti-Western 'We have no animosity towards anyone — quite the opposite," Mr Erbakan said. Northern Cyprus". A powerful Turkey is aris-Mr Erhakan's showman na-

ing — one that will be a trust-worthy partner for the West-ern world, not a servant." tionalist-Islamic rhetoric, in-"In world, not a servant." cluding pledges on creating Mr Erbakan repeated his an Islamic currency and ending bank interest charges, won him first place in last election pledge that Welfare would work to establish a union of Islamic countries to month's elections, taking 158 equal the EU, but said he wanted Turkey to remain in seats in the 550-seat parlia-ment and just over 21 per cent Nato - so the alliance's only of the vote.

Fund (IMF) loan and boosting With the secular parties so divided, that will be enough domestic production by taking idle youths out of coffee for the man known as "Holy Warrior Erbakan" to be ofhouses and putting them to work.

'Anarchist' squatters win the right to a mortgage

Hamburg has given up trying to evict a gang by hundreds of defenders be-hind barricades of burning to residents who were seen as a potential tyres and overturned cars. of residents who were seen as a potential

threat to tourism, reports Stephen Kinzer

T IS HARD to tell if the | than provoke an all-out battle, squatters illegally occupy- | the city agreed to give them a squatters illegally occupy-ing a block of buildings on temporary rental contract. But Hafenstrasse became Hamburg's Hafenstrasse are middle-class families or hardthe focus of bitter nationwide core radicals. debate. Prosecutors claimed the squatters were respon-

The front lawns are neatly trimmed, but the walls are painted with slogans like "Criminals of All Countries, Unite!" The two main objects visible from outside are a satellite dish and a pile of iron and wood that some describe

as a work of abstract art. For more than 14 years this block has been at the centre of a dispute featuring police as-saults, firebombings, flaming barricades and street battles. Finally, it appears to be over. "We won," one of the 120 squatters, Rainer, said. "We

struggled for years, and now we've reached our goal."

be extended.

looking the harbour and owned by the city. Because nounced a plan to clear out the Hafenstrasse block, several department stores were firebombed, causing millions of pounds in damage. The attacks were clearly linked to the Hafenstrasse dispute, but no one connected to the squat-

buildings and they must pay rent and utility bills, with the city paying the rest. A group of city

judge who helped to guide the negotiations. - New York

tal projects, lending the rest. The squatters will assume the cost of renovating the

for which taxpayers will have

half of the £170,000 in overdue

members condemned it as an "irresponsible gift of millions to the Hafenstrasse squatters,

about 10 per cent of the price

in cash, with the Eco-Bank,

which finances environmen-

to pay". "It's a victory of reason," said Achim Katz, a Hamburg

sive step toward permanently ending this difficult conflict." be said. It is time to close this most unfortunate chapter in our city history." Under the agreement, the squatters will buy the block for £970,000, less than a third of its market value. They and their supporters will put up

sible for crimes ranging from vandalising cars to sheltering an announcement some believed might never come. "We have taken the deci-Red Army Faction terrorists. When the rental agreement expired in 1986, more than

10,000 supporters of the squat-The deal is an irresponsible gift

of millions for

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will have to pay'

The drama began in Octo-ber 1981, when a group of about 100 punks and social revolutionaries occupied a block of empty houses over-

ters marched through central Hamburg demanding that it

But after the city an-

ters was ever convicted.

In 1987, several thousand policemen were sent to clear fierce resistance and, rather | the buildings. They were met | Times.

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Hair exclusion zone ... A United States soldier shaves his sergeant's head near Tuzla airport PHOTOGRAPH: KARSTEN THELKER

Islamic warriors shun the peace to fight their holy war

Home-grown Bosnian mojahedin armed with the Koran train to 'purify' the country, writes **Dan Fesperman** in Lukavac

N THE mornings they run | lamic countries. Devoted and nine miles in formation, | combat-tough, their fundacombat-tough, their funda-mentalist zeal has sometimes

sounding off like United States marines. "Aliahu Akbar!" they cry, intimidated the very people they have been fighting for. US officials considered them Glory to God". In cadence, they shout short, inspiraa serious threat to US peacekeepers. tional verses from the Koran. days, a Muslim reli-leader, the imam, visits, Their · ppares talking of martyrdom for the

- holy war. Such is a soldier's life in the Bosnian army's 9th Muslim Liberation Brigade, a strict, secretive unit of home-grown Liberation Bri mojahedin, encamped about as Srebrenica.

10 miles from US army head-In the brigade, "they teach quarters at Tuzia air base. When the Balkan peace treaty was negotiated in Norember, US representatives insisted on requiring all for-eign troops to leave Bosnia within 30 days of its signing This was aimed mostly at a few thousand mojahedin volunteers imported from Iran. Afghanistan and other Is-

he says. "And after the war we will purify the whole country. He would not give his last name, nor would he and a sentry allow reporters inside the base. Visitors could enter only if they held deep reli-

gious convictions - and an appointment. Mr Ahmetovic describes a daily routine that seems designed to cultivate the sort of zeal and discipline of the for-

eign mojahedin. A typical day, he said, went like this:

call of the muezzin, followed by a snack, a nine-mile run, exercises, breakfast and an

10am: Religious instruction and lessons in writing Arabic, followed by training in weapons and tactics;

lunch and a break; 2pm: More prayers, more training, sometimes with live firing, followed by more reli-gious instruction. The last

The imam arrives once a week with words of encourent. "One time he said to us: 'You should be proud because you are a soldier, and you should be happy to give your life for your country.

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But Mr Ahmetovic admits he is unsettled by such talk. Until they began being persecuted because of their religion, most Muslims in the former Yugoslavia were not rigorous in their religious training. Zeal increased as people died simply for being Muslim.

Days off come once a week but even then strict rules apply, he said. "The first one is that if they ever decide to send you to Saudi Arabia, then you have to fight for the jihad." But he is not sure what that might entail.

The others are standard rules for a strict Muslim lifestyle: No alcohol and no going into cafes

But there is one conce to local custom in this country of chain-smokers, where Mariboros are someprover of the day comes in the where Mariboros are some-iate afternoon, then dinner times used as currency: it is and free time, though not always.

Shooting raises Mostar tension

Nicholas Doughty in Mostar

HE shooting of two Muslim policemen raised ethnic tension in the divided Bosnian city of Mostar yesterday. A European Union administrator appealed for calm, saying dialogue - not Nato intervention - was

"It would be a lie if I said I had everything under control but I hope that serious people will understand how dangerous the situation is," Hans Koschnick, the EU administrator, said. "Do not throw oil on the fire. We are trying to calm things down but we are not in a good situation," he

He was speaking after a hail of bullets from the Croat sector hit a Muslim police car, seriously wounding two officers inside. One was hit in the stomach, the other in the

Mr Koschnick said the solution to Mostar's problems had to be civilian, not impo

slaughter, "I do not consider it to have been an accident." he said

A series of less serious incidents culminated in the shooting of police on the Bulevar. Police run by the West-ern European Union (WEU) were investigating the case of the policemen. "Thank God the policemen. "Thank God one of them, at least, is no longer in danger of losing his life." Mr Koschnick said. "The shots clearly came from the west [Croat] side. Now it must be established who fired them," he said, adding that 10 to 12 rounds had peppered their car.

The shooting occurred hours after President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia met Pre ident Alija Izetbegovic of Bos-nia in Sarajevo for talks on a Croat-Muslim federation created in 1994. The US-brokered federation, to share rule in Bosnia with a Serb republic, has been riven with divisions

most of all in Mostar. The EU chief of staff, Sir Martin Garrod, also ex-

hydroelectric dam above the

town which almost burst be-fore the new year, sending

floods sweeping downstream. Richard Edgington, of the WEU police, said his force

was monitoring repairs on

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departure ity on schedule. But 5am: Up for prayer to the the few hundred soldiers of the Muslim Brigade, based near Lukavac, will not have to go anywhere. They are all hour's break uans, many angry, venge ful refugees from towns such

that religion is the most important thing in the war, and in everything else," said Elvir 13.30pm: Midday prayers, Ahmetovic, aged 21, who has been training for two months with a group of 40 recruits. A soldier named Namir put

it more succinctly while standing at the unit's front gate: "The jihad has prece-dence over everything else,"

the Nato-led Bosnian peace Implementation Force (I-FOR). "There is no need to involve I-FOR in the situation In Mostar. People must get together in a democratic way and by talking build understanding for the future," he said.

The EU has been trying to form a joint administration uniting the Muslim and Croat communities, which face each other over a "confronta-tion line". It also wants to start reconstruction of Mostar. once one of former Yugo-slavia's tourist attractions.

the dam that Bosnian Croats were carrying out without Muslim approval. • The Bosnian government said yesterday that separatist Serbs still held four of its citizens, a day after they freed 16 abducted civilians, about the covernment said the

But tensions have risen since Bosnian Croat police shot dead a Muslim youth on four were all captured, like the other 16, while travelling through the Serb-held suburb of Ilidza on a road that Nato New Year's Day, an incident said was safe for all civilians which Mr Koschnick described as murder or man- to use. - Reuter.

Three arrested for EU tourism fraud

Stephen Bates in Brussels

WO former officials of the European Commis-sion in Brussels were arrested last night by Belgian police investigating allega-tions of bribes and fraud totalling millions of pounds from the EU's tourism budget.

Exact figures for the miss-ing total are unclear, but it could amount to the biggest scam by Commission officials in its 40-year history, and the first in which civil police have been called in to handle a large investigation.

Although Commission staff have appeared before the Belgian courts on two previous occasions, officials have usually claimed diplomatic immunity in the past.

The arrests of George Tzoanos, the Greek former head of the Commission's tourism unit, his wife and a tourism unit, his wife and a Frenchman named Pascal Chatillon, who worked on a temporary contract for the temporary contract for the unit, follow a nine-month investigation by the Belgian fraud squad, involving checks on travel companies and tour-ist organisations across

Europe. Police raids at their homes were carried out on the

orders of a magistrate. companies in return for chan-

nelling subsidies to promote tourism to them. In some cases the projects never to arrange for the repayment of contract fees from tourism

annual budget of about £5 million. It is thought that the two men received payments equal to between 10 and 50 per cent of the money they handed out. Complaints first arose about the management of the

about the management of the European Year of Tourism in 1990. The allegations concern irregularities between 1989 and 1994. The two men were suspended from duty nearly two years ago.

Although the two officials were later sacked after an in-vestigation by the Commission last autumn, the case is likely to raise new questions about European bureaucra cy's accountability.

Police became involved only after they were invited to investigate by the British Tory MEP Edward McMillan-Scott. He issued a formal complaint after the Commission

failed to do so. Mr McMillan-Scott, MEP been party to a whitewash and it shows that fraud control in Brussels is completely

inadequate." There were reports that two company directors had been arrested in Paris in connection with the fraud.

The British secretary-gen-Both men are alleged to have received kickbacks from to have written to the French and Belgian EU ambassadors in December 1994 to ask them

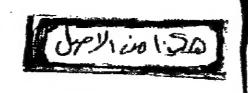
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FOCUS: PALESTINIAN ELECTIONS 5 The Guardian Saturday January 6 1996 Arafat's murky path to poll victory

Derek Brown in Jerusalem reports on a contest in which the rules keep changing and, below, looks at a female contender

HE Palestinian elec | his Fatah movement. That much is clear. The rest is murky. election is unprece-

nted. Never before have Palestinians been asked to vote for a government. It is not a national election, in the sense that more than half the Palestinians in the world those living in Israel and those scattered round the Middle East - will not be taking part.

But for the 2 million or so in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, democracy is coming. But it is a weird kind of democracy. With just two weeks to polling day, confusion abounds. Electoral district boundaries are fluid, the number of registared voters is disputed, even the size of the new legislative council keeps changing. In the beginning, there

were to be two elections: one for an 82-member council, and one for a Rajes, an Arabic word which conveniently means chairman or president.

Mr Arafat, who likes to be called president, and the Is-raeli government, which prewidespread dismay. Instead fers the word chairman, have of a single-constituency list since agreed to add a seat for the West Bank's 300-strong Sasystem, which many argued would produce proportional representation and encourage maritan community, and five the electorate to think in national terms, the leadership more to redress demographic imbalances. Mr Arafat, who will certainly be the new opted for 16 multi-member Ra'ses, will have a seat in the constituencies, the represen council, bringing it up to 89. This is one example of how tatives to be elected on a first-

Diria has never been an easy place to visit, and often in the past involving multiple border crossings from neighbouring countries causing deby and a

reduction in the amount of ac-

bial emboration time. Since the

September and May and that the

best starting point is Damascus, we shall be operating a short flight service from London Gat-wick direct to Damascus during

this period. Needless to say, this also considerably reduces the

This is a wonderful opportu-

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aity to visit Syria, one of the world's most fascinating coun-

evening and spend the first night

in the oldest living city in the world and the Islamic capital under the Orrayyads. Explora-tion of the city has to be on foot.

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see the chapel commemorating

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but is perhaps most well known for the Temple of Baal.

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ising in its own trade. Another fasci-nation of this city is the beautifully

preserved inhabited historical homes

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past-the-post basis. the election process, explicitly laid down in the Israel-Pales-Opponents of the choice pleaded in vain that it would encourage clan-based voting tine Liberation Organisation mber 28 in a society in which family has been tinkered with ever considerations have always outweighed ideological on since. In fact, preparations for After nearly six weeks of dethe historic poll have been

An election commission, tions on January 20 based in the self-rule enclave will be won by of Jericho and chaired by Fawill be won by of Jericho and chaired by Fa-Yasser Arafat and tah loyalist Saeb Brakat, painstakingly drew up procedures and training schedules and a choice of voting sys-tems. When the green light was finally given for registra-tion of voters, the system seemed to work beautifully. Thousands of schoolteachers, canvassing door to door, collected nearly a million names: an estimated 90 per cent of eligible adult Palestinians.



Leader of the pack . . . An enthusiastic Yasser Arafat rallies his followers at an election rally in the Gaza Strip this week

pointing a new election commission, to replace the prepa-ratory body headed by Mr Erakat, a Fatah candidate for the council According to the rules, the

new commission was to be neutral and would have complete charge of voter registration, nomination of candidates, appeals procedures, the campaign and polling.

midable EU observer team. In the interval decrees and orders were whizzing out of Mr Arafat, who had already telescoped the entire process Mr Arafat's Gaza beadquarters, increasing the size of the

begin, originally set for De-cember 30, was abruptly put inner circle of PLO chiefs, as the new commission head. Mr Abbas rose to the chalback to January 5, then January 7. Finally, the election comlenge without trace. Nearly two weeks after his appoint

ment, on December 21, he had mission announced to the still not found time to meet media on January 2 that the campaign could start right exasperated head of the foraway. The candidates heard about it from the press. In a land where elections

have never happened, effec-tively ruled by a man long notorious for his inability to del-

something more unplea in the electoral air. The poll for Ra'ees is a forecone conclusion. Mr Arafat is being opposed by Samiha aged 72. She is a well Khalil, enough respected campaigner for women and a forthright critic of the peace accord with Israel, as are most Pales

chances of success are negligible. The race for the council is

monitoring group, said this week it had been told by some tinians. Nevertheless, her independent candidates that

PHOTOGRAPH: AHMED JADALLAH Islamist and secular, are boycotting the poll. The smaller parties are barely organised. There is a drove of independent candidates, including scores of disgruntled Fatah members who failed to get on the party ticket, or were removed from it by Mr Ara-fat. Peace Watch, the Israeli

In the coming days, the Palestinian territories will be awash with foreign observers an estimated 1.500 from at least 14 countries, in addition they had come under 'heavy to the 200 or so EU monitors will be scrutinised. Only the result is likely to be free of

population figures for the 16 constituencies. (The number of members per consituency vas originally to be linked to the number of registered voters. That has been changed to the size of population.) The group was told that the fig-ures were unavailable, because electoral district boundaries had

"In addition to being unsound practice to change electoral district boundaries less than three weeks before election day, the danger exists that district boundaries could be manipulated in ways that could affect some of the

races," Peace Watch said. Some of the better known independents, such as Hanan Ashrawi, the former Palestinian spokeswoman, stand an excellent chance of election, as do a handful of candidates associated with the main Islamist movement, Hamas. But most are likely to be trampled in the rush of the big battalions.

in all, more than 700 candidates are standing, a healthy indicator of democratic en-thusiasm, and also a nice lit-

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tle earner for the Palestinian Authority. Each has had to pay a deposit of \$1,000 (2666) refundable only to victors. Palestinian television, which has piously promised to give every candidate two minutes, has yet to offer more than a daily court circular of what Mr Arafat says and does. The media monitoring group, Reporters Sans Frontières. found that in the 10 days to December 25, Fatah was given more than 71 minutes of talevision coverage. Only one other small party was given speaking time: 17 seconds.

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Day 2 Tour of Damascus in

tration period, altering the nomination procedures.

Carl Lidbom, the increasingly

The date for campaigning to

reasonable to expect a degree of muddle. But with the campaign under way, there is main opposition movements, that it had been unable to get any doubt

favour of Fatah and the other some had done so. PLO loyalist factions. The Peace Watch also reported

Border police cast a shadow on

Ashrawi's anarchic walkabout

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before him of Hanan Ashrawi, launching her election campaign sur-rounded by television crews and excited children. The walkabout was surreal, in keeping with an election which has neither precedent nor parallel and which, in Jerusalem at least, may never be

repeated. The eastern Arab part of the city is one of the most bitterly disputed tracts of land on earth. Israel conquered and annexed it in 1967, and has said ever since that it will remain eternally Israeli. The Palestinians are equally ada-

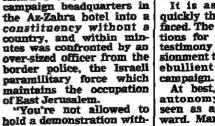
mant that soon it will be their capital.

Asbrawi: 'She could stay at home all day and still get in'

That an election is taking Thus it was that Dr Ashrawi strode from ber place here at all is a tribute not so much to the peace ne gotiators' willingness to compromise, as to their un-erring instinct for fiendish Candidates in East Jern-salem must have valid addresses outside the city, to preserve the Israeli fan-tasy that this is not part of Palestine. of East Jerusale

Voting will take place in post offices, not polling stations. The ballot boxes will then be taken into the out permission," he said firmly. West Bank for the votes to be counted. firmly.

At the end of the day, the Palestinians of Jerusalem will have seven Palestinian representatives in the Pal-estinian legislative council, and control of the city will remain firmly with Israel. rifles, shadowed her cha- police.



"I'm not demonstrating,

The television cameras ians crave. clustered and shutters clicked. Eventually the officer backed down, and the border police, with their flak jackets and assault



Children leaving school turn the Tube into a rolling, subterranean adventure playground. They jump between carriages, swing from the handrails and scream profanities at each other. A group of girls offer a chilling insight into the nature of adolescent crueity when they verbally assault a young man. One of them started: "My friend fancies you."

24 hours on the Tube, Outlook page 15

otic but determined progress. She marched down Salah

ed Din Street, her retinue scattering leaflets in her wake, and op into Suleiman Street, overlooked by the walls of the Old City. Overall, Dr Asbrawi received almost as many beams and waves as she gave.

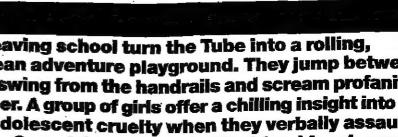
"She will get a seat, sure. She's a good person, people respect her. She could stay at home all day, and still she'd get in," said Ibrahim, a driver.

It was a boisterous affair and on the whole a good-humoured one. Yet there were other, more disturbing pointers to the public mood: the leaflets which were slung to the ground when the candidate had the muttered im precations of men and women anxious only to get on their way along the congested pavement, and post-ers scrawled with graffiti. It is astonishing how

quickly they have be m de faced. The tattered exhortations for support are sad testimony to the disillu-sionment that underlies the ebullient surface of the

At best, the mish-mash autonomy agreement is seen as a small step forward. Many, like the apoplectic money-changer in Suleiman Street, think it is a full-scale retreat from self-determination and the sovereignty that Palestin-

I'm campaigning," she said "We want Tel Aviv!" His parting yell was drowned in the tumult of traffic, weaving its anarchic way past the watchful border



6 BRITAIN Stalker sent love letters to princess

Saily Weale

MAN who has been stalking the Princess Royal has sent her love letters and made repeated attempts to meet her in what police fear may be-come a dangerous obsession.

it was reported last night. Described as a well-spoken Southerner in his 30s, the man is said to have written several letters and has been spotted by detectives at a number of the princess's public engagements over the past year. His identity is known to the security services.

A police source was last night quoted as saying: "He has not made any direct moves towards the princess in terms of trying to grab her and there appears to be no malice in his actions. He is quite simply obsessed with

her. "He has been trying to meet her and has written several letters. They are not obscene in any way. He has also been seen at a number of her engagements. This has been going on for around a year. Scotland Yard and Buckingham Palace last night refused



'appears to The stalker . malice in his actions'

to comment on the report. which follows confirmation on Thursday that a stalker has been following the princess around the country. Se-curity has been stepped up as a result. The Princess Royal, who in the past has shrugged off the risks involved in her public

role with the words "life's too short", has vowed to continue her engagements undeterred by fears for her safety: A palace official said she would be "carrying on as nor-

mal" with her full schedule of public engagements next Her next public engage-ment is on Tuesday at a char-

ity auction for the British Olympic Association, of which she is president. As a precaution, extra offi-cers are expected to be deployed during her appearance at Bonhams auctioneers, cen-

tral London. Similarly heightened secu-rity will be in place when she attends the London International Boat Show at Earls Court London, on Wednesday and a series of events in Leeds and Liverpool the following day.

The princess, who is regarded as one of the most industrious members of the royal family with an almost daily schedule of public engagements, has already demonstrated her refusal to be terrorised by the security risks involved with her role after surviving an armed kid-nap attempt 20 years ago.

Asked about the risks of attack in an interview in 1994 on Woman's Hour on BBC Radio 4 she said matter-of-factly: "I think it is a perma-nent possibility, I am afraid. We just have to live with it. "Just travelling around has its own risks, but then so does



Crown Prince Abdulla of Saudi Arabia, left, with Michael Heseltine, then Defence Secretary, in 1984, a year before the Al Yamamah contract was sealed

Web that links weapons and Whitehall

Vickers chief at centre of network of contacts mobilised to safeguard £2bn-a-year arms deal with Saudis in face of dissident's actions

Simon Beavis, Chris Barrie and Richard Norton-Taylor

IR Colin Chandler's extraordinarily sharp warning that vital arms deals were being threatened by the activities of the Saudi dissident Mohammed al Massuent include revealing light on the com-plex web of relationships that links Britain's biggest weapons producers and the Government.

He names some of the de-fence industry's most influential players, a number of

seconded from BAs to the MoD for five years as head of Defence Export Services from

The memo relates detailed conversations with Dick

italisation of £19.3 billion. BAe to allow him to visit the

Baghdad Arms Fair in 1989. It also names Mike Rouse now head of military aircraft lean post-cold war world when military budgets were shrinking fast, and provided hope of saving defence indusat BAe, who has twice repre sented the company in Wash-ington and worked from 1988 to 1990 as director of Saudi Arabian Business Developry jobs. The arms makers hoped the

basic framework of the deal ment before becoming Director of Saudi Operations for two years, and Andrew Green could provide a platform for additional sales, not least the

Powerful baron frets under lash of unruly accuser's tongue, as king enjoys rival's discomfort

Leslie Plommer

O KING, however abso-Nute, can afford to ignore the mood of his The ailing King Fahd has

for months adopted a dismis-sive and disdainful attitude towards Mohammed al-Mas'ari. The real anger, and pressure for action, has come from the handful of very pow-erful princes at the apex of the House of Saud.

Key among them in the al-Mas'ari case is Prince Sultan, aged about 70 and next in line for the throne after the crown prince and current "acting monarch", Abdullah. Defence minister since 1962, Sultan also became second deputy prime minister when Fabd

took the throne in 1982. Unlike Abdullah, Sultan

without supporting evidence. Under the headline "Know

ing involvement in defence contract irregularities, and bearing chief responsibility for creating hugely expensive armed forces whose impressive image the Gulf war exposed as "complete fiction". High living and lack of Is lamic observance were also listed

Such insults were calculated to cause discomfort. That Fahd enjoyed the spectacle, as the letter claims, is possible: the attacks may have helped him keep in check a haron with a reputation as an energetic administrator, and a master at populist walkabouts.

Even so, Sultan has been in a strong position as master of defence contracting to press British interests to get Mr Mas'ari brought to heel

While the relationship has been mixed, Fahd is said to be has frequently felt the lash of MT Mas'ari's newsletters, conspicuously published dullah. Ultimately, all the

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Fatal attraction of fame

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daughter of the Duke and

Duchess of Kent, was pur-

sued by television camera-man Simon Reynolds, who once smashed the windows

of her West End gallery.

After several court appear

ances, he was sent for treat-ment and committed sui-

🗆 Madonna gave evidence

cide in 1993, aged 37.

□ TV presenter Ulrika □ Singer Olivia Newton-Jonssen was bombarded by John, once described as obscene calls and nude pho-tos by Peter Casey who thought her weather by three psychotic men, reports were coded mes-two of whom later mur-sages of love. After being dered members of their interviewed by the police. families. Casey threw himself under



getting out of bed. So, life's too short, really,

Taylor

whom have at one time worked on secondment at the Ministry of Defence or had intimate dealings with the Washington establishment.

The carefully penned mem-orandum from the chief exec-utive of tank maker Vickers names all the main industrial players behind the £2 billion a year Al Yamamah oil-for-

It also clearly indicates the

Vickers, which makes Rolls-Royce cars and builds

of defence export services.

There has been rivalry.

bordering on hostility at one time, with Dick Evans of British Aerospace.

DICK EVANS, chief execu-

tive of British Aerospace,

Britain's leading defence

arms deal with Saudi Arabia and associated military ex-

Mohammed al Mas'ari, who faces deportation to Dominica

1985 — the year when AI Yamamah was sealed.

Evans, chief executive of BAe, who rose to be the pivotal player in BAe after three years commuting to Riyadh as the architect of the Al Ya-

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sentially acted as managing agent for the government-to-government deal, as well as exporting its own products, including 120 Tornado fighter/bombers, 60 Hawk trainer/light attack aircraft and PC-9 trainer aircraft. The project has involved massive investment in infra-

Aerospace, Britain's leading defence contractor. It has es-

structure and training and a complicated offset deal which has branched into construction, pharmaceuticals and petro-chemicals.

The deal, renewed in 1989, has at times kept BAe in the black during a turbulent part of its history. It also sup-ported other key defence con-tractors. The main players — BAe, GEC, GKN, Vickers and Rolls-Royce - are the back-bone of a giant industry with combined stock market cap-

The deal promised years of prosperity in the relatively

a train.

C John Lennon was shot dead by Mark Chapman in the doorway of his New York apartment block in December 1980. Chapman later said: "I had to usurp someone else's importance. someone else's success. I was Mr Nobody antil I killed the biggest Some-body on Earth.

in a Los Angeles court this week where Robert Hos-kins is standing trial John Hinckley shot Pres-ident Reagan in a bid to impress actress Jodie Foster, accused of stalking her. writing to her an hour be-fore the attack: "At least give me the chance with this bistorical deed to gain your wenest and low " Hoskins, who was shot by a bodyguard at the singer's Hollywood mansion, alleg-edly threatened to "slice your respect and love." her throat from ear to ear".

Anger on grant for bankrupt

Michael White

ABOUR last night demanded an inquiry into how a bankrupt busi-nessman not only managed to obtain £850,000 worth of regional grants. but later persuaded his local Tory MP to help him obtain a Whitehall loan guarantee worth £250,000 when his new venture ran into trouble.

The shadow trade secretary. Margaret Beckett, wrote to Ian Lang after the Presi-dent of the Board of Trade had admitted that his department had misled MPs during Michael Heseltine's tenure by saying that checks on John Dawson had been made.

In fact Mr Dawson, a former Conservative councillor in Bath, had gone bust in the early eighties with debts on his garage business of around £2 million. He went to live in St Lucia --- where he also ran into debt - and returned 10 years later to start ROM-Data in Falmouth, Cornwall.

It is is now the subject of a Serious Fraud Office investi-gation after collapsing. He ob-were completed.





one calls in the jargon of psychobabble "uncomfortable". In plain English, I was writhing in my seat and would have paid far more than the £55 fee to be anywhere else.

tained £850,000 worth of regional selective assistance grants with the help of the local MP, Sebastian Coe, according to David Jamieson, Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport. ROM-Data went into liqui dation over a year ago with job losses and wages unpaid, but not before £250,000 worth

of loan gurarantee was forth-coming. Mr Jamieson told colleagues last night. Mr Daw-son is now believed to be in ireland. Mr Lang denies misleading MPs, since he told the Com-

mons in December, as soon as it emerged that "no documentary evidence" existed to confirm that checks were made, though it is known that the

Insolvency Service knew of Mr Dawson's delinquency. Mr Jamieson said: "I want to see a full Commons debate on this so I can cross-examine ministers over whether checks were made or not and whether ministers made

statements that were wrong." Last night the DTI said Mr Lang would tell MPs every

industry's determination to contact with the patrician GKN boss, Sir David Lees. the Government pressurise over Mr al Mas'ari's activities The memo is addressed to and to mobilise powerful Whitehall forces on their be-David Hastie, head of internahalf. It shows how close the tional relations at Vickers, who enjoyed notoriety during links have become between UK defence manufacturers and the Saudi Royal family. Sir Colin was well placed to call on these contacts. He was

 just appointed as a Ambassador in Riyadh. spite early rivalry in their vehicles and aircraft, includ-Al Yamamah — a contract ing Challenger tanks made by careers - would be in regular first sealed in 1985 when Michael Heseltine was De-Vickers and armoured cars and helicopters made by fence Secretary - is one of GKN, the engineering group which last year took control of Westland helicopters. Britain's biggest export deals. Paid for in oil - drawn at a rate of 600,000 barrels a day the Scott Arms-to-Irag in-quiry after it emerged that he had temporarily been billion) — the contract has seconded from the MoD to been a mainstay of British issue by industrialists.

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This would clearly explain the urgency of Sir Colm's memorandum. It reveals the seriousness attached to the Key players who fill top positions in Britain's defence industry

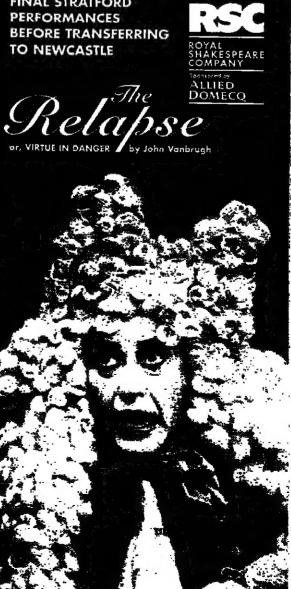
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MIKE ROUSE, managing missioned into the Royal Artillery, but left the army in 1957 to join accountants Binder Hamlyn. In 1964 be director, military aircraft division of British Aerospace, has long experience of dealing with Saudi Arajoined aircraft maker Handley Page, subse-quently moving to defence and car parts group GKN as bia and is a key to BAe's effort to maintain a close relationship with the kingdom. His career included a spell in 1984 in BAc's milia senior accountant, be-coming chairman in 1988. A man who prefers to keep a low profile, he holds a clutch of influential posts tary office in Washington DC, where he became a senior vice president and outside GKN, including a came into contact with the on-executive directorship American defence industry. of the Bank of England and Returning to Britain in 1988, Mr Rouse took charge membership of key CBI of BAe's Saudi Arabian opcrations. Three years later be was made head of BAc's systems and services div-ANDREW GREEN was offi-cially appointed Britain's ambassador to Saudi Araision, set up primarily to run the Al Yamamab probia earlier this week, replacing David Gore-Booth. He is currently in charge of Middle East polgramme.

JOHN CROWTHER, chief icy at the Foreign Office in executive of Vickers Defence Systems, previously spent 10 years at British Mr Green, aged 54, is an Arabic speaker with previ-ous experience of the Aerospace, where he be-came am executive director Middle East in Saudi Arain 1986. Like Sir Colin Chandler, be once worked for Hawker Siddeley. He is credited with leading Vick-ers's sales campaign to perbia, Aden, Abu Dhabi, Dubai. and as ambassador to Syria in the early 1990s. His diplomatic career has also taken him to the suade the British Government to buy the Challenger Co-operation and Develop- 2 battle tank.

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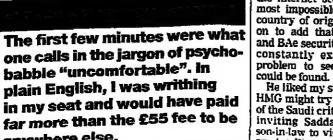
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director of international af-fairs, has bad a long and

close professional relation-ship with Sir Colin Chan-dier between the revolving

doors linking the arms in-dustry and Whitehall. Both men were execu-

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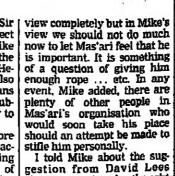
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go along with. Mike Rouse took a more relaxed attitude about the activities of al-Mas'ari, saying that in his view some of Mas'ari's outbursts were becoming so outrageous that even the Saudis were not taking him very seriously. We all



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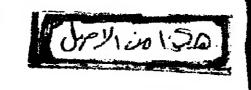


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Rolls-Royce cars and builds Britain's main battle tank, the Challenger, has also worked for the Ministry of Defence and British Aero-space. A forceful personal-ity, he acted as Britain's principal arms salesman, as head of the Defence Ex-the Challenger, has also the Challenger, has also the Challenger, has also spearheaded BAe's success-ful campaign to sell Tor-nado aircraft to Saudi Ara-bia. Credited with billion Al Yamamah deal, he has wielded consider-the acted comparison of the suble nouver within the source are supported by the support of the suble nouver within the support Sauries (Sauries) and a touch of the subseman in appearance, Mr Evans ful campaign to sell Tor-nado aircraft to Saudi Ara-bia. Credited with billion Al Yamamah deal, he has wielded consider-

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Mr Jackpot, rich in happiness, looks forward to shedding his burden as nation's biggest winner

BRITAIN 7 Woman chained in hard labour



OLLOWAY women's prison in north London was at the centre of a new controversy last night as new controversy last night as a secretly filmed TV news report showed a pregnant prisoner being chained and handcuffed every time she moved away from a hospital bed, before and after giving birth.

Anne Widdecombe, the Home Office minister, ap-peared on Channel 4 televi-sion to defend the practice of manacling pregnant prison-ers. "We have had one woman cond when she was fairly well into her pregnancy. She went to an antenatal appointment and jumped out of a first floor window," she said. "But we have an absolute rule that we don't handcuff women or restrain them while they are

actually in childbirth." The row broke after an announcement that Janet King, the governor of Holloway where an inspection last month discovered overzealous security and unaccepta-bly dirty conditions, is to be

transferred. The Channel 4 report con-cerned Annette, whose surname was not revealed, who is serving two years for theft. On Monday she arrived at Whittington hospital, north London, to give birth, and was kept in a side ward, chained to the bed. She was later led to the

labour ward in chains, and every time she went for a walk to ease the pain or to the toilet the officers were shown pulling out the handcuffs and shackles. As she lay in the labour ward, the guards sat on the other side of a screen and could be heard chatting.

Beverley Beech, chair of the Association for Improvement in Maternity Services, who was with Annette during the birth, said last night it was a humiliating experience, which pregnant prisoners across Britain have to endure. "For any woman to give birth successfully she needs to feel secure, confident in her attendants and unstressed. Annette was very stressed by the presence of the guards," Ms Beech said.



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ATURDAY evening, December 10, 1994, Noel's House Party BBC 1 and Mukhtar Mohidin and his family were prepar-ing for the next round of early evening viewing at their Blackburn home It was the National Lottery

draw. By the time the seven rubber balls had dropped out of the drum, the £250 a week factory worker was a multi-millionaire. By the end of this evening, Mr Mohidin may find that he is no longer the largest single lottery winner. It is, he admits, a title he

would like to give up. 'Of course I'm happy. Wouldn't you be? It's changed my life. But I haven't enjoyed all the bad publicity that's come with the win," Mr Mohi-

Since scooping the £17.8 million jackpot, Mr Mohidin's life has been transformed from the drudgery of factory work, seven nights a week. He no longer works and has moved to a large detached house in the Home Counties. His three children attend a private school and the family went abroad for Christmas.

A Mercedes sports car stands in the drive next to a space cruiser van, which is used for family outings. The house's front light comes on automatically as visitors approach

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Mr Mohidin is deeply susplcious of all strangers, particularly those from the press. He orders his children away as. he talks in the driveway, refusing to let me into his. house. A short, stocky man

cashire accent, he wears a thick gold chain and bracelet and he rants about the way he feels he has been treated. "The press portrayed me out to be something I'm not. They have hounded me and my family and I'm sick of it. "I think it's racism. Most white people in this country were not happy that an Asian had won all this money. That's why they wrote all those stupid things about me. The average man in the street thought: Why has a Paki won all this money? Why can't it be me?

ho speaks with a slight Lan-

After winning the jackpot Mr Mohidin asked for ano-nymity. Within days the press were camped outside his Blackburn home and newspapers greeted his win with headlines like: "What a rich chappati" and "Vinda loot!". "I don't blame Camelot." They have been very helpful. given me good advice and

have supported me throughout. They were not responsible for the press finding out

who I was and where I lived." A Blackburn Rovers fan, Mr Mohidin admits to enjoy ing a drink in the pubs and regularly plays pool with lo-cals, some of whom have be-come close friends. "They all know who I am

They all know that I'm the lottery winner but no one says anything to me. They are scared of me. I look them

straight in the eye when I walk into the pub because I've led a hard life and am not frightened of anyone.' As we stand in the drive, a

car slowly cruises by with both the occupants staring. "You see they all know who

Mohidin is," he said. Reports of family rifts and problems with his wife were all fabricated by the press, Mr Mohidin claims. He is still with his wife and keeps in touch with family and close friends in Blackburn, who visit him regularly. But being a multi-million-

aire does not mean that Mr Mohidin always gets his own way. Neighbours protested when he wanted to install a swimming pool and Mr Mohidin had to abandon his plans. A neighbour said: "Every-one knows he's the lottery winner. He's friendly and they seem like a nice family. I that won £8.2 million pounds three weeks ago. Everyone else has cleared off to Tenerdon't know why people just don't leave them alone."

George Woods is philosophical about his big win: "The money has come too late in life for me, but I'll get my family sorted." FHOTOGRAPH E HAWILTON WEST

The twelve rum toast to Camelot's largesse

laggie O'Kane

EORGE FREDERICK Woods spent all day Thursday writing cheques in his new cheque book. "The money has come too late in life for me, but I'll get my family sorted," he said. "There's all sorts coming out of the woodwork but I'm looking after the family, and that's it."

There's Kelly, Denise, Terry and Paul to sort out. Thirteen children in all, and then there's Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. George Woods was part of a

pub syndicate of 10 people

ife and Cyprus but George, who was born in 1925 in Athloe Street just five minutes walk from the pub in Kentish Town, London, has no time for all that.

"What would I be doing in Tenerife?" he said. "I was only on holiday once before, and that was in 1960. It was a 26 bus trip to Ostend. I wouldn't mind going back there, I sup-pose, but if my boy thinks of somewhere else to go, I'd go. I

have to get a passport. "When I was 20 it would have meant something. Now I've got five or six years to live. So it doesn't matter to me --- just my family."

George went into the building trade with his father when he was 14, earning £3.28

"In those days you lined up | going three rounds in the boxon the side of the road and a fellow in brown boots, a brown suit and brown gaiters would walk up and down and then say: 'You, you and you." By closing time on Thurs

day George was on his third pint and his twelfth rum. "In a way it's more trouble than its worth. Begging letters from people who don't know me. You never know if they're true. I just chuck them in the bin. "Tye had one or two propos

als but I don't want to marry again. I've had three wive but I still love the last one. That's Glenys. She couldn't give a damn about money."

The £240,000 win was easy money for George who, in his twenties, used to earn extra

ing ring at the Nottingham Goose Fair for the brown note - 10 shillings. He also rode the Wall of Death at the Dur-

ham Miners' Gala. "I have my stool in this bar. When I come into this pub

anyone who's in that stool gets up off it for me. That's the way they are around here. None of them here have asked me for anything. "I was so shook up with it

all that my son, Georgie Boy, who won £2 million of it, took me round the corner to the pub to calm me down. Georgie said to me: Dad, we're got a winner'. The till was running until Sunday ticket winning the jackpot

night, and we paid for it. There was more that came out of the is 14.000.000-1. woodwork that weekend.'

In the money

There have been 68.539.251 lottery winners. About 60 million have won

the smallest prize, £10. 140 people have become lottery millionaires. An estimated £20 million in prizes money has not been claimed since June. ■ The total gambled is £3.8 billion; £1.7 billion has been paid out in prizes. Sixty-five per cent of the adult population plays the lottery every week; 80 per cent (35 million people) bought a ticket this week. The chance of a single

Israeli agents kill Hamas bombing chief

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

HE most hated man in Israel was killed in the Gaza Strip yesterday — executed by a tiny bomb hid-den in a mobile telephone. Yahya Ayyash, known as the Engineer, is said to have

planned and organised the killing of more than 70 Israelis in a 19-month spate of suicide bombings. He was almost certainly murdered by Israeli intelligence agents. According to Israel Radio, which broke the news, Ayyash, aged 32, died in an explosion in the Jabiliya refu-gee camp, in the north of the territory, controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organi-Yahya

sation's self-rule authority. Several hours after the report there was still no con-firmation of the death from Palestinian authorities. But last night an unnamed security source told the Reuter news agency that Ayyash, himself a master bomb-maker, had been killed by a 202 explo-sive charge in a cell-phone. been linked with 11 suicide-April 1994 and November 1995, which killed 75 people,

mostly Israelis. The secret service, Shin Throughout yesterday Bet, and its overseas counter-part, Mossad, have murdered at least four Islamist leaders in 15 months including the Isafternoon, there was no trace of doubt in the Israeli radio reports - evidently based on high-level briefings. The reports said that security offi-cials had already briefed Isralamic Jihad leader Fathi Shqaqi, Kamal Kheil, a Hamas activist, and Hani el's prime minister, Shimon Peres, on Ayyash's death. In broadcast interviews, Abed, a local Islamic Jihad leader.

Moshe Shahal, Israel's in-ternal security minister, said he could not confirm the death, but referred to "the politicians and others made little attempt to dampen speculation that Israeli agents had

pin-point success". Gidon Ezra, a former dep-

killed the Engineer. Hamas, the Islamist group to which Ayyash belonged, clearly believed the Israeli reports. In statements relayed through mosque lond. niy head of Shin Bet, said of his ex-colleagues: "If they are connected with this, which I through mosque loud-speakers, Hamas blamed Is-rael for the killing and also accused the leader of the PLO, Yasser Arafat, of letting Israeli agents operate in Gaza. Later, in a leaflet circulated

in Gaza, the organisation's military wing warned of retribution. "The Hamas brigades will reach the hand which Palestinian polis, page 5

smiled at the check-out

woman, you let the car on

to the roundabout in front

mild-mannered people are

cracking all over the place.

of you. Now apparently

Outlook page 14



July 24, 1995: Suicide-bomber kills six on a bus in Tel Aviv



August 21, 1995: Hamas kill five in Jerusalem bus bomb



January 22, 1995: Islamic Jihad kill 21 at Beit Lid bus stop | Israelis.

YAHYA AYYASH was the mastermind of a series of attacks on Israelis aimed at scuppering peace moves. The following is a list of the bombings Ayyash is either known or believed to have planned:

April 6, 1994: A bus blast in the northern Israeli town of Afula kills eight Israelis and a suicide bomber. Hamas claims responsibility.

□ April 13: A bus blast in a crowded bus station in the Israeli town of Hadera kills five and a suicide bomber.

□ October 19: A Hamas bomber, Saleh Abdel-Rahim al-Souwi, kills him-self and 22 other people on an Israeli bus in Tel Aviv.

D November 11: A Palestin ian cyclist from the Islamic Jihad movement kills himself and three Israeli soldiers at military post near a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip. Ayyash was thought to have tutored Islamic Jihad militants in bomb-making.

December 25: A Palestin-ian policeman who is a member of Hamas blows himself up near a soldiers' bus stop in Jerusalem, wounding 18 people.

□ January 22, 1995: Two Islamic Jihad suicide bombers kill 21 Israelis, all but one of them soldiers, at a bus stop in Beit Lid, cen-tral Israel.

April 9: Islamic suicide bombers kill eight Jews in two attacks near Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, prompting a crackdown on militants by Yasser Arafat.

🗆 June 25: A Palestinian donkey-cart driver blows himself up in Gaza near Israeli troops, and wounds three soldiers.

🖸 July 24: A Hamas suicide-bomber kills six people on a bus in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan.

□ August 21: Five people are killed in the Hamas suicide bombing of a bus in Jerusalem.

🗆 November 2: Two suicide car bombers blow themselves up in the Gaza Strip, wounding at least eight



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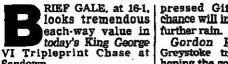
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8 SPORTS NEWS

Racing

Gifford delivers a Gale warning

Ken Oliver says the switch to Sandown favours 16-1 shot in postponed King George



Sandown. Josh Gifford, her trainer, rates the nine-year-old the best mare he has trained, while the switch to the Esher track from the cancelled meeting at Kempton on Box-

meeting at Kempton on Box-ing Day is in her favour. Before Christmas, Brief Gale sustained a minor injury and the Findon trainer thought she might need an-other week to show her best. The weather certainly on a richthard course answered that requirement and now the much tougher Sandown course can bring her stamina into play. Last season, Brief Gale took

well to fencing. She was third in her first two races before beating Kadi by half a length in the heavy ground at Kemp-

Her finest moment came the following month at the Cheltenham Festival, where Cheitenham Festival, Where she trounced a good field for the Sun Alliance Novice Chase, beating Harcon by nine lengths, with Bango an-the Sun Alliance Novice chase, beating Harcon by nine lengths, with Bango an-the Sun Alliance Novice chase, beating Harcon by nine lengths away third. April, but was beaten 11 lengths by Misguided Missile. However, the firm ground was completely against her and that effort is best making a winning seasonal debut at Wetherby in October

forgotten. During the last few months Brief Gale has really im-Hustler by seven lengths. If

Eskimo Nel looks too hot for rivals

ESKIMO NEL (1.30) can short-head to Chief's Song get back on the winning in the valuable William in the valuable William trail by carrying top weight to victory in the Northern Hill Handicap at Sandown last month. Easy Buck (2.00), who made a winning start for his new trainer, Nigel Twis-Handicap Hurdle at Haydock today, writes Ken Oliver John Spearing's mare has ton-Davies, when beating made rapid progress this season. After ratiling up a bury in November, can fol-

hat-trick, she ran her finest low up in the Newton race when going under by a | Handicap Chase,

2.30 Brief Gale

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RIEF GALE, at 16-1, | pressed Gifford and her looks tremendous chance will improve with any Oats. Last year's Gold Cup each way value in further rain.

Gordon Richards, the Greystoke trainer, will be hoping the going does not get too testing for One Man After failing to complete the course in his final two races last season. One Man regained his old sparkle with victories at Ayr and Haydock, where he threshed Measure

questioned. sained on a right-hand course such as Sandown. Barton Bank, but for that

dreadful blunder at the final fence in last year's race, would be on a King George hat-trick. He is a class act, but has the habit of hurdling the

occasional fence. While David Nicholson, his trainer, says Barton Bank is the best in the business, he is worried that the close prox-Algan. Chase last February. ings last term. Nicholson says that his

geiding is in great shape and he did nothing wrong when theu

could be the one to spoil the

the Tingle Creek Chase over Sandown's two miles last month and looks the pick of the Oriental Handloap Chase. River North (1.55), a mart performer on the Flat, has impressed in his school-ing over the jumps. He is as low as 14-1 for the Champion Hurdle and a winning debut is anticipated.

he negotiates the fences without any serious mistake, Barton Bank will take all the beating, but I do not feel the gamble is worth taking. . The same applies to Master

stow on his return when he was pulled up and he is best watched at this stage of the season Jim Dreaper says that

Merry Gale has improved 141b since beating King Of The Gales 10 lengths at Punchestown last month. This smart young chaser did not see out the three and a quar-ter mile trip when fourth to Master Oats in the Gold Cup and his stamina must be

Coulton would surely have had a better chance at Kempton for he, too, may be want-ing in the stamina

department Francois Doumen, the bril-liant French trainer who has won this race three times, adds intrigue to the contest

with both Val d'Alene and Algan was the main bene-factor from Barton Bank's blunder last year, while Val d'Alene looked at home in the mud when beating Southolt 20 lengths in the Racing Post

Both have been specially prepared for this race and there is not much between

Watching One Man fly Watching One Man fly these fences should be an ex-citing spectacle. He will take some pegging back, but if he is to be found out up the San-down hill, Brief Gale (2.30)

storm Alert (12.55), op-posing at level weights, ran a cracking race when beaten five lengths by One Man in the Thule Cone Che and Dhoping history repeats itself after Turning Trix triumphed in the Fred Withington Memorial Handicap Chase at

Towcester yesterday. Having landed the event with the five-times winner Percy Smollett 12 months ago, the champion trainer is hoping Turning Trix can

do the same. "Percy Smollett won five on the bounce for me last season," said Nicholson, capped to run up a

"We were a bit worried about the ground as he'd run below par on it twice before, but he was always travelling and jumping well," be added. The winner was having

his first outing for the stable after being handled previously by Simon Sherwood.

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Lady overcame plenty of problems caused by loose horses to overcome Sister Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheitenham Festival for Stephanie on her fencing debut in the EBF Tatter-salls (Ireland) Mares' Novices' Chase Qualifier.

The mare had been a big flop over hurdles when

Crack On after the improving gelding hacked up in division one of the Ash NH Novices' Hurdle under Graham McCourt.

Sandown runners and riders with TV form

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AVID NICHOLSON is with a smile that indicated Turning Trix was always get the better of Bramley in season on that occasion hoping history he thought Turning Trix moving smoothly for May in the concluding excused her dismal Adrian Maguire before hit ing the front two out and Jenny Pitman's Idiot's Philip Hobbs is eveng the

five lengths. Rodi Greene, rider of third, Steeple Jack, was fined £220 for returning 31b heavier than he weighed

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Ready to pounce . . . Aidrian Magnire has Turning Trix (right) in a challenging position in yesterday's Fred Withington Chase at Towcester more mark safew Nicholson expects winning run from Trix

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403	2/470/-1	PALINOITH BAT PETTS and wood 7-11-0
404	F38341	RAVE A HIGHTCAP (17) N Litimoden 7-11-8
405	AITP-RP	CLEVER REMARK (53) N Tension-Dames 7-11-4
406		CUNCREDI GALE A Curtis 9-11-4
		FMI TOBY (672) A Faster 9-11-4
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408	g/00-F2	MASTER HUNTER (54) (BF) J White 7-11-4
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FORM GUINE - AS DES CARANSE Es-French gelding, smart classer but marden over hurdles. On latest start to \$50,000 chase won by 35 from Ar Capone II, 12 ran Avaeuti Smit, 60, LIVELY KURGHTS Good effort on responsance when held up, lad 2 out, ridden out to wis by 30 from Swing

tist, 6 ran (Ascot 2m4), Gd) tance performer on Figs, well-anded by talk ground, ran well in birskers L Very smert m

n segurations. The Very useful time performer on Fiel, successful in German Group 1 avent in 1994, below jorn. Aucust and Sec

n cely start in April. 1776/770 PROMISED improved efforts recently, on intest start ted, but misuke 5th, headed 2 out, kept on 1971 under pressure, and of 8 finishers, bin 21 to Call Equiname (Ascot Amil, Cal). 1971 TRUES Storky anny lea, brief when beadway to lead star 3 out, starts for well, sca by 21 mm, 1971 TRUES Storky anny lea, brief when beadway to lead star 3 out, starts for well, sca by 21 mm, 1971 TRUES (gv 3to), headway 5th, challenged Last, not quicken flat, 15 ran (Caetienham 2m11 Go).

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2.30 KING GEORGE VI THIPLEPRINT CHASE 3ND 110yda 053,835

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Netthen 9-4 One Man, 7-2 Bertan Bank, 9-2 Master Cells, 5-1 Merry Gale, 5-1 Val d'Alene, 14-1 Algan, 16-1 Xeston, Briel Gale, 20-1 Book Of Music. Contron, Briel (Gala, 20-1 Book CF Mueic. FORM GERDA, Briel (Gala, 20-1 Book CF Mueic. FORM GERDA, BARTON BANKI, Won the race in 1983 and clear when underland rider at heat lands last gen. On responsions list 3 con, clear fast, bi YOUNG HUSTLEH (ge dial 7, lad anti heating i day an chance with water, in 3-runner Grade 2 avent (Wetherly 3m2, Gd-Fm). BOOK CF MUSIC: Promover in Gold can be being though unstrade since came intro behind to lead 2 onl, scored by 20 from Martine Lands on chasing debut last Departure Mone Came intro behind to lead 2 onl, scored by 20 from Martine Lands on chasing debut last Departure Mone Came introduction 2m49, Gd). MASTER CATE: Succession missi measure of Challenhaim Gold Cap, below par on relatively perform well leader stell methods and weakered 3 out, paled as before 3 out in race was by Grange Brake, 3 run (Comptow St. 6d-St). MEMBY CALLE Make all, stated on strangly, is King CF The Gales by 10 in 7-runner Grade 1 avent A P McCo J Coborni A Kagein HINDERSON MICHAEL (WORL) MEE MARK Soon In Court, led before halfware, clear 2 out, exceed Stat, be MONSIEUR LE CURE (gr 416) and in th, outpaced from 2 out, by 111 (Haydock 3m, Gd) NAL DYALENE Soon in Insch. TE 3-d to Aa des Carres in 1980,000 chans with AL GAN () unter wway Th d 12 (Antoni Zmell, Sty. YOUNG (BIGSTLIK): Uncharacteristic Nunder Last anne when led andii uncented rater Inguland Master, 9 can (Aerot 3mb), Gol. CALLS UN aced since lest April when some in teach, outpaced trop 2 out, eased run-in, 11 and to on in novice ment (Arr 3m11, Gal Channel 4

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3.0		KORY HELDHAY, PETER CAZALET KANENCAP CHASE Son of 110yas 221,800
1	101-211	Will SFORD (36) (CD) Mrs J Plonan 13-12-0
2	31410-R	COMPARACIAL ARTIST (52) N Geseles 10-11-7
3	20290-6	RIVERSIDE BOY (21) (0) & Pos 13-11-3
	04PP-SF	SIETON ABBRY (21) G Hubbard 11-10-13
		FLYER'S HAP (36) (BF) & Alner 10-10-12
		SUPERIOR FRISH (42) (D) Mrs J Pitnan 10-19-9
7	238541	GRANGE BRAKE (35) N Treston-Davies 10-10-4
	12521-F	BRACKERFELD (S2) P Neholis 10-10-4
		CREANNEL TARE AWAY (35) P Hotes 8-10-3
16		SURY BAY (23) C Brooks 7-10-3
11	1/12-44	CHEA CAREERACH (21) N Tersten-Davies 10-10-0C Mande
12	FLC-FP	HITO THE RED (28) J White 12-10-0 P Malanghin
13	65200-4	HEYADA GOLD (26) F Yardey 10-10-0
14	13156-6	DON'T TELL THE WIFE (23) C Egerics 10-10-0
10		MGH PADRE (21) J FC Gerald 10-10-0
16	139-222	WOODLANDS BOY (25) R Host 8-10-0
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ra Promising staying cheser, on latest a ieral Wolfe, 3 can (Chepsine Judik, Go

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stoff PADNEs loging and chaper this season interestive tast time when compadient, led 8 cut, clear 3 cut, an on well, won by 61 from Mr Panagan, 8 ran (Haydock 4mR, G3)

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3.3	5 HARRIER HOVICE HANDICAP HURBLE 200 OF 64,137
1	00-12 SWING OLLARSET (BO) (D) N Tersion-Davies 6-12-2
2	P24-(16 CONCER JM (38) P Hedger 5-11-12
	2-51222 KALASADI (50) (BF) 1/189 J Doyle 5-11-13 S Curren (3)
4	255-44 ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE (43) C Brooks 6-11-7
	01-2142 MUN FOR DANTE (22) G HICOURS 6-11-3
	441-154 THE BORTAR, POX (45) P Hobbs
7	0-51512 GOLDERSWIFT (17) (0) (BF) G Balang 5-11-6 A P HeCey
8	30-F46 NEWERSKI BROWN (21) O Sherwood 6-11-5
	FUE S - WELSH COTTAGE (793) J Gillord 9-11-4
10	51 ISHERIO (23) S DOW 5-11-4
11	G4:31-2 CRIEDON (45) S Wordman 8-11-4
12	PSP33 NOW WE KNOW (21) M Sheppard 8-11-2
12	1P4 \$106AFAR (25) (0) N Graham 5-10-10
14	50-0° LALINCI (5) D Eleverath 5-16-10
15	Q-145 NOMALITO (21) (BF) M Blansherd E-15-9
18	05-35 JOJO (20) D Grassel 6-10-8 P MicLoughin
17	08-35 JOJO (70) D Grassel 6-10-8 P McLoughin 533 FREEH CROICE (54) (HF) R Rove 5-10-8 D O'Sellivae
12	0-54512 HERS CASHITAL (44) (EF) D Them 5-10-8
19	6-3-35-5 SPRING GRASS (45) B Rval 8-70-5
26	767-211 CROSA'S DELICHT (5) (78 cc) 10 Port 9-10-4 C Seren
21	P-51:12 CLASH OF CYNERALS (43) (D) J Hours 7-10-3
22	200- Dimeter AT Except (273) R C Solivan 6-10-1
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ettio	gt 8-1 Swing Oparter, Cross's Delight, 8-1 Reverend Brown, 10-7 Ismane, 12-1 Absolutely Average.
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	ching last, and of 3 finishers, bin 71 by Take The Bestskis (Antrea 3mB), Gd-Fm).
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056 -	JUST ALBERT (35) Mins J Pitmen 6-11-0	STORE STORE
411/5-00	NAUGHTY FUTURE (40) J C Hell 7-11-0	lochs (2)
	SAME (46) P Hobbs 7-11-0	
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12.30 MAKENALD THE NOWCES' HURBLE (DIV I) 4YO 2m C3,011

	0050-11	GUINDA (49) (D) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-11
	1	CROWN SQUARRY (28) (CD) & Turball 6-11-10
	-0-	BRAZEL OR HUST (322) P Webber 5-11-4
5	G-2	CANINYRN (30) N Handelson 6-11-1
5	D	GREY STORY (20) A J Witson 8-11-4
	339-472	ICT COLD IN ALEX (38) W Jenks 5-11-4
7	322	SIR COTTON SOCKS (40) R Fred 8-11-4
	15-0	PUREVALUE (28) M W Easterby 5-11-4
1	00-3	RELUCKING-(49) C Broad 6-11-4
	630-1-00	ANASTASIA WRIDSOR (17) D Molati 6-10-13 D J Method
L	C206-U	BODFARI PRODUCER (40) J Edwards 6-19-13
	12-05	COOLE HILL (31) D Nicholson 5-10-13
	42.40	IRSE IRRECTOREL (71) Mrs J Plinter 7-10-13
	14-23	SELVER SHREED (17) (8F) & Pipe 5-10-12
P		a Galada 8, Cornela 7, Crewe Kowitty 6

Settings 9-4 Grown Equatry, 3-1 Guinda, 4-1 Garnwin, 6-1 Salver Shred, 8-1 Coole Null, 10-1 Mr Coole Social, 12-1 Relucting 14 massing

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1.00 NEW YEAR HANGICAP CHASE SHI CAURT

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	2.P-11F	SHITTIP'S BAND (35) (0) (BF) Mrs J Pimen 8-11-10	. B. Parrati
	1235 7-4	LAKE TEEREEN (22) 303 11-11-3	7 Granthem
	12215-2	THE FROG PEINCE (42) (0) N Gasning 8-11-7	C Linnellyn
	P/PTIF1-	HELL THEE (298) (D) & Bishep 10-11-5	
		TOOOOOO TO BE TRUE (35) (D) VI H Exc.Serby 8-11-4	
	5277-72	TOURSEDI PRINCE (44) (2) Mass H Kreght 13-11-3	OF Rena (6)
		FRONT LINE (35) (C) J 074:41 9-11-2	H Duyer
		BOLD CHOICE (52) F. Frost 10-10-12	J Front
		TARAMOSS (23) (D) J Edwards 0-10-12	
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letilings 5-2 Smalt & Barril 4-1 Tho Frog Prince, 6-1 Taogood Ta Bol True, 7-1 Lake Teorem, Frozi Line, 8-Coursen Prince, 10-1 Ha Triv 10 manuar

3.05 OLDHAM HOVICEF CHASH 2m 64,879 1 0-3113 CUMMERAN CHALLENGE (21) (0) (0F) M H Earledby 7-11-10 ______ 2 R0-3F41 PHERENLEY PLACE (26) N Teston-Bayes 8-11-10 _____ 3 SHT-1 ASK TON (20) (0) T Tate 1-1-7 ______ 4 555-27 HAWKERELD (24) C Brac 7-11-3 ______

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namesonal a sec, saved on wew, fill 2nd of 5 Inlands to Easy Buck (Newbury, 2nd), Grit, ISEL TRUCK New source March when held up bedreasy hattery, stayed or well to lead run-in, won by 28 trans Flabhberach, 9 ran (Creffenham Modify, SR). TOCOCOD To Bit Flaub, Buck we have not an average and the second state of 5 hardners to Logandod Massie with FROM Live Ince Source boling in day when taking at Last (Westerity Snd), Cut, TOCOCOD To Bit Flaub, Buck and and again 50 to 8th and 14th to 17th one pace run-in, 31 and of 7 to Dehallow Lodge (Taurian Sm. Gal).

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Results

NEWCASTLE

1.3	O NORTHERN HANDICAP HURBLE 2m CS,563
1	F-51112 #SKIND NEL (38) (0) J Spearing 5-11-10 P
2	12-3035 STORPIN (28) (0) Mas H Kmpht 5-11-0
3	11384-4 ROBERTY LEA (38) (0) Mrs & Revolty 8-11-5
4	21100- BURNT MP (202) (D) & Moore (-11-3

1121-41 FOURTH HI LINE (28) (0) J Edwards 8-10-11	 •	 -	-

QUADPOTI 15.40 PLACEPOTI 1238.10.

SOUTHWELL

1.10 (2m Hole): 1, FRIENDLY KNUCH 12.30 (1m): 1, RAMO WALTZER, Alox Groaves (11-5): 2, Nervenne (5-4 fav): 3, Face (18-1): 9 ran 8, 1% (D Nicholis) Tote (2.70, 51 00, 51.10, L4 20, Dual F-51,70, CSF. Harding (8-1): 2, Hiltown Blues (0-1), 3, Hy To The Buel (5-1): 13-8 law Wild Ross of York. 7 ran. 5, 1% (J Haldane) Tote. (8.70, 12 50 £7 60, Dual F £12,50, CSF £61,44 E3 46, Trio 28.90, 1.00 (1:nt): 1, KOMAMATTE, Mrs M Mor-ris (12-1): 2, Permanimus (8-1): 4, Ker-istan (7-1). 5-1 (av Rost On Tour, 15 ran.

C3.10, C5.30, C2.00, C1.90, Dual F. E125.70 Tric: C504 80 CSF C207 18, Tricast C956.70.

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1.2.0 (1110) 1.3 ran. 4. 20 (W Berminit (12-1): 2., Personality (13-1): 5.1 (av Real (13-1): 5.1 (av

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n 2mGl, Gd) Chi to F eau to incoderingeursen cannoom zince, coj Bustern Telle Valeni osupion junctier last veren (eoze at Wetherby and Chebusham with give in the ground), this trip may be on shart side first time cal. FOLINTEN an Light Luid I out to 2 out, wegtened when bluedered last, tailed of the of 10 to Cheryl's Lad

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2.00 NEWTON HANDICAP CHASE IN # CE,403

1 101139- INSTRUMENTAL (273) (CD) M Pice 18-11-10 _____ 2 1512-56 INDRCEDL (420 (27.3) (CD) M Pice 18-11-10 _____ 3 1380-35 ANTTIAK EXPRESS (58) (27) M Henderson 5-10-2 1 72175-1 ILASY SUCK (43) (CD) N Triston-Darke 5-10-2 5 4172/54- ELFAST (427) (D) P Webber 15-10-0 _____

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TOP PORM TIPS: Easy Back B, Minnehouse 7

Bettings 6-4 Easy Buck, 5-2 Morcell, 3-1 Mitsnebourg, 6-1 Amirak Supress, 8-1 Stant. BROMMA: Puilled up in Grand National on tinal plant last season, bast situri last terzo ced 5 out, snayed on egala tron 5 out until no extre before last, titi and to Maxier Cate

Leasementain Sin 29, 301 MORRELL Close 2nd whee tail 5 out in race won by Sound Man (Ascot 2nd28, Gd) on range effort when 5 wiched back to fractiling weaternes 3 out, around 251 bits to Pacine Min (Nen AMTTAK EUROPEDER Fon well and/ lost place 4 out, around 1681 bits of 12 to Dathin F (Chellomham 2md)L Gd). MAST BURGE Alexys on incoch, led 6 out, bit The Frag Privac by Ta Meedury 2mk, Gd) ELFAST SHITS non succe lained of leas of 4 Southers behad Gelenal 14 months Spo (Sem

2.35 DARTANG HOVICES HURSLE (DIV ID 20 M 124

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		TALENAL BOT ISON TO MOTORIES IN Failed In the second
		DRAMA TURIN (223) is 2"3CTR 5-11-C
	F4-Q	BALIGNT (34) R Fras 7-13-9
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Bettings 11-4 Jos Ruton 7-2 Katcham Boy, 9-2 Kawler Hunlor, S-1 Mandemiker, Varykanov, Trespesser, 10

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L Wyer Jir Q 5 Smith (7)

J R Xana rben; R Fernal

2.20 (2m &r Ch): 1, 10)0719 LADY, W Marston (11-4 (av): 2, Sister Stephenie (11-2): 3, Besuchamp Grace (3-2), 13 rah, 4, 20 (Mrs J Putma) Tober 04.30; 51.90, 53 40, 52.20, Dual F: 512.00, CSF: 518.43

2.50 (2m Helioja 1, OBAN, J F Titley (5-1); 2. Gaittar Isio (9-2 Sav); 3, Tasi (20-1), 15 ran, 1X, 9, (Alisa H Kright) Tole 52,90; (2.20), 12.20, 24.30, Dual F: (18.90, CSF 128.58, Tho: TSL20, NR: Gittorans Lase, Jungle Highway, Wild West Mind.

3.20 (2m 11 Oyds Chy 1, SANTORUS, 8 Powell (7-1): 2. Super Testics (16-1): 3, Auto (2m 11 0)res Cale 1, SANTORIUS, B Poved (7-1): 2, Super Tacibics (16-1): 2, Repeat The Done (5-1): 2-1 fav Too Plust. 12 ran. 25, nk. (7 Themson Jones) Tota: 05.10; 22,40; 64:30; 22:20, Dial F: (72:50) CSF £109.72, Tricast £858 13, Tric: C97.80.

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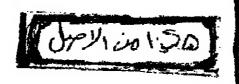
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Mike Selvey in Cape Town believes that, despite losing, Mike Atherton's team has made significant progress

England trapped in the far-off land that is forever defeat

NOTHER defeat, an-other series gone. But it is not all doom amid the gloom. Eng-land under the stewardship of Mike Atherton and Raymond Illingworth have become a harder side to beat. Atherton was determined that it should be so and by and large has succeeded. There is, of course, a step to be taken for-ward from that: they must now learn the art of winning. In particular, England must acquire the quality that al-lows a side to win away from home. Many believe that a England have foundered away from home. team on tour, provided they have the right blend of indi-viduals, ought to have an ad-vantage. It is a bonding thing: the team ethic. They play, train, eat, drink and sleep in each ofthers' company for

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rid of him, so that was okay. It left us with two tail-enders, Donald and Adams. Donald had hung around against the medium pacers, so we thought pace. Besides which Cork got rid of him straight fine century at Centurion and now looks more like the finished article. But Alec Stewaway with the new ball any way, so that was okay as well

Players will return home knowing they did not pull their weight

wicket for next to nothing, they would, with South Africa in a psychological pit and bat-ting last, in all probability have gone on to win the game. art has reverted to his old

art has reverted to his old careless ways. Graham Thorpe bristled but all too often was unable to find the right balance between aggres-Instead they ended up in a sit-uation where they were sure to los It had been a curiously ponsion and caution, and Robin derous series in any case and desperately difficult to judge the merits of the two sides. totally convinced. The down-fall of Mark Ramprakash and In Centurion — where the rain first interfered — Eng-land, for what was to prove the only time in the series, the injury to John Crawley were severe blows. Pluses came from the most surprising quarters. Jack posted a sizeable first-innings total and were in a position to Russell has always been a wicketkeeper not quite able to push South Africa. Had that live up to his billing but in game been played to a conclu-sion, then who knows what might have followed.

this series he has kept wicket just about as well as it is possible to do, culminating in a Against that, South Africa twice — at Wanderers and display of such mastery one day in Port Elizabeth that it Port Elizabeth — had games took the breath away. He claimed one world re-cord in Johannesburg and the there for the taking on the final day and instead were foiled by England rearguards,

weather pipped him of a series record as well. His bat-ting was based on the princi-

cause of injury to Richard Johnson and was resigned to not getting a game. Instead he bowled manfully, accurately and so, to some extent, is Graeme Hick, who made a and swung the ball, forcing

his way in. The South Africa perfor mance, in the end, hinged on Allan Donald's pace, although he disappointed on the slower pitches earlier in the series. There were, however, two outstanding finds in Shaun Pollock, still raw but aggressive and competitive, and Poul Adams, who was a

But if the bowling is in good hands, then the South Africa batting, generally, is woeful. Gary Kirsten handled himself well but Daryil Cullinan, de spite a reasonable series, al-ways looked vulnerable, as much to his own excesses as anything. The best player in the side remains Brian Mc-Millan and it is he whom Ath-erton identifies as the difference between the sides. McMillan is a fine technician with the bat. But he is also a penetrative and inventive fast-medium bowler and, as such, is a genuine world-class all-rounder of the sort Eng-land lack. "Give me Big Mac," said Atherton, "and we could beat anyone." Defeat or no defeat,

he is probably right. • South Africa's victorious fifth Test squad were all named in the 15 for the first four limited-overs matches

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Kings for the day can never claim to be rulers of the world

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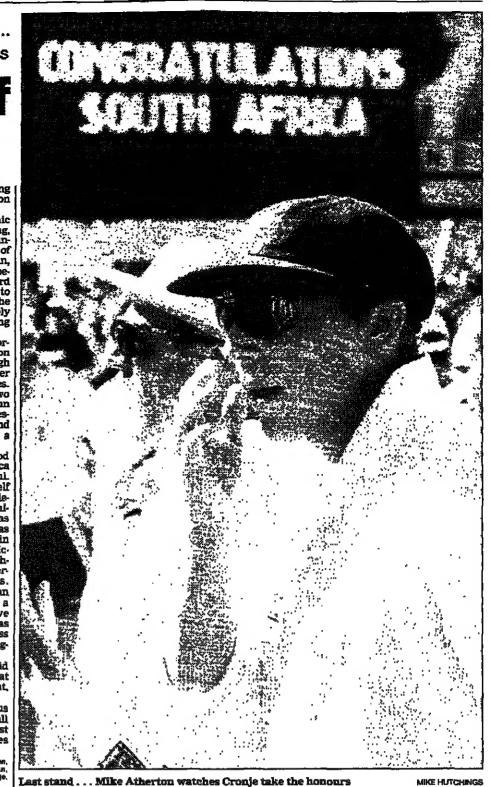
counted, and it was a hor-rid flop then.) Last year Wisden came up with a plan to get round the problems. All that would be required is minor adjust-ments to the international fixture list so that each of the nine countries plays the

What emerges is some-thing rather surprising. Sri Lanka. And some series have not South Africa would have The figures cannot lie (an-

others, giving a potential | Lanka either. One has to go 32 points each. No one has | on what evidence there is. on what evidence there is. England? Well, this table

shows they are every bit as good as Sri Lanka, who were considered unworthy of even a solitary Test

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N.March 17 crick- will be even less convincing feasibility of a real World et's World Cup champions. final will take A dozen teams — the nine place in Labore. Test-playing countries plus

of Tests can determine who are the proper champions

Matthew Engel argues that only an international fixture list

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played everyone else, so it has been necessary to add in one lot of dammed dots.

	The biased, the simple- minded and those who be-	Holland, Kenya and the United Arab Emirates —	thing - Test cricket. The others in at least one Test	posal with the dynamism long time. India-Pakistan	Apart from their very first has gone wrong, but it has
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	newspapers will immedi- ately proclaim the winners	month for the sole purpose,	return from the global sin- five years. They are edging	ever, the idea has been for the past six years; Eng-	after Ali Bacher had issued Av
	as world champions, and	almost certainly, of reduc-	bin and has assumed towards this anyway. meeter prominence since Teams would then score	taken up enthusiastically land have not been to Paki- within the game. There are stan since Shakoor Rana	a victory statement, the P Pts Pts South Africans have not 1 South Africa 11 17 1.55
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	volves not the pinnacle of the game but a debased ver-	beat any of the others, so it	It is obviously impossible The championship would to get everyone together in bring in massive sponsor-		Australia-Zimbabwe series 8= New Zealand 14 4 0.29
	sion of it; that is, one-day	will prove absolutely	one place for a Test tourna- ship, at almost zero cost. It	Since then each team The table that appears could have had a maximum	might alter things, as might 8= Zimbabwe 7 2 0.29 a South Africa trip to Paki- ● includes current series between
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FA CUP THIRD ROUND

A guide to the visitors with a part to play in history

David Lacey looks for the more likely and unlikely survivors of a weekend

when the big guns join the fray



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The shock factor

FA CUP shocks can occur at any time and in any place — that is the beauty of the competition — but a distinc-tion needs to be drawn between surprises great and small, writes David Lacry. Gravesend winning at Aston Villa, for example, would be a bigger upset than Sutton United knocking out Coventry City, but Tranmere beat-ing QPR, Wimbledon losing at Watford, Coventry going

Charlton Athletic

v Sheffield Wed CHARLTON have found acoring a problem in the First Divisio but their high-scoring dismissa of Wimbledon in the Coce-Cola

Cup gives them a chance against a Sheffield Wednesday side which is not keeping many clean sheets. Against that, Wednesday did achieve a comfortable Coca-Cola win at nearby Millwall. Shock potential **

Derby County

v Leeds United IN many ways this is the best-looking tie of the weekend, with Jim Smith's newived Derby side top of the First Division and high on confidence whereas Leeds, having recovered quickly from that 6-2 mauling by Sheffield Wednesday, are beginning to falter once more. If large number of goals con-Derby are up for this one, they should win.

Shock pot

lown this time to Plymouth and even injury-weakened Middlesbrough falling at Notis County would not raise eyebrows that high. Should Rochdale or Stockport win at Liverpool or Everton, now that would be something else. For the moment eight ties lend themselves to serious giant-killing consideration - and, no, the possibility of Arsenal losing to Sheffield United has not been forgotten.

THIS looks one of the safer bets for a replay, seeing that Stoke have been held to five draws at home in the First Division while 13 of Forest's 29 league and cup games this seeson have ended all-square. Yet Bradford removed Frank Clark's team from the Coca-Cola Cup, which will give Stoke hope. and Francis Lee's cups-forcock-ups theory still holds

Shock potential **

Manchester United

v Southend United TO ECHO the late Arthur Mullard, Southend are to Cup success what Nureyev was to spot-welding. But they are un-defeated in nine First Division games and could earn themselves a little bit of fame with this short trip to Upton Park. Hammers have

beaten four times in five

matches and look a mite sorry

O TEAMS competing in the FA Cup will now be able to field as many foreigners as they like, provided the play-ers come from within the European Union. This is no big deal. Cup winners' medals were being won by men from foreign fields before Jean-Everton, Liverpool, Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs will ap-Marc Bosman was born.

A Chilean, George Robledo, took the trophy to Newcastle United in 1552 and a South African, Bill Perry, did as much for Blackpool the spring in their step. following season. In 1956 a former German paratrooper Bert Trautmann broke his neck for Manchester City and 25 years later an Argentinian, Ricky Villa, broke City's hearts as he won the Cup for cided to become a party. Yet, with the champion

Tottenham. Only two seasons ago a cou-ple of icily taken French pen-alties from Eric Cantona froze Destroyation of the changing of the changing of the sea would do St James' Park a favour by repeating at Stam-ford Bridge tomorrow their

sessing a keen sense of opporalready invigorated by An-drei Kanchelskis will stiffen tunity - witness Everton's victory over Manchester Everton's defence of the trophy while the wavelength now shared by Stan Colly-more and Robbie Fowler at Anfield must enhance Liver-United in last season's final -as well the ability to defend narrow leads, Teams coming into form around the New Year are good Cup bets. pool's Cup prospects. Nottingham Forest and Sheffield Wednesday face which is why Blackburn,

Enter the foreign legions

to a very English occasion

tricky third-round ties at Stoke and Charlton but, if nei-ther goes out, each could be a proach this weekend's third-round ties with an extra reasonable bet for Wembley. Forest, however, are in ur-gent need of a fit Bryan Roy. Naturally Newcastle United are fancied as much in the Cup as they are in the league. Kevin Keegan's team would

The Cup h

Tottenham, beaten only once away this season, will be fancied by many to win the Cup for a record minth time provided the earth does not move at Edgar Street today. prohably be favourites to win the next election if they de-And only Gravesend stand be-tween Aston Villa's place in the draw as another shortodds bet

Duncan Ferguson to an attack tures at Wembley on May 11, already invigorated by An- most things are possible at stage. Georgi Kinkladz might even lead Maine Road's foreign legions to glory, al-though in this instance porcine flight departures would need to be checked first. Of the Endsleigh League

Birmingham, Swindon, Ply-mouth or Crewe could allp through to the later rounds – Derby, too, if Igor Stimac and Ron Willems upstage Tomas Brolin, Yeboah and company when Leeds visit the Baseball Ground tomorrow.

For the moment Reading's Cup prospects lie partly in the hands of Borislav Mikhailov, Bulgaria's World Cup goal-keeper. And the chances of the 1996 final seeing three Spanlards depend, initially at any rate, on Wigan wasting Walsall.

All things considered then, burn, Newcastle, Everton,

Liverpool, Sheffield Wednes-

Hereford United v Tottenham A WIN for Hereford would cause an even greater saismic disturbance than their triumph over Newcastle in 1972. The gap in ability is wider now than it was then, and under Gerry

past a Leicester team more vulnerable at home than away, but Alan Ball's defence is brittle Francis Spurs are giving little away. Sheringham and Am-strong should take the Bulls by the horns but someone could always leave the gate open. good. Shock potential x

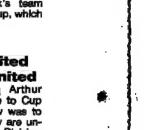
Ipswich Town

Shock potential **

v Blackburn Rovers v Sunderland IPSWICH's 5-1 win against Port Vale on New Year's Day, THERE is surely potential for an upset here; remember York City. Manchestar United have been weakened by injuries and, although Sunderland's surge to the top of the First Division ended at Derby, three post-ponements have given Peter combined with the Premier League champions' poor away record, makes this an obvious possibility for an upset. But Blackburn, and particularly Shearer, will have noted the

Stoke City v Leicester City **Nottingham Forest y Manchester City** A THROWBACK to the 1969 final, this one, when Young's goal took the Cup to Maine Road. Quinn and Kinkladze could same Manchestar City

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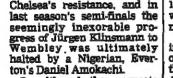
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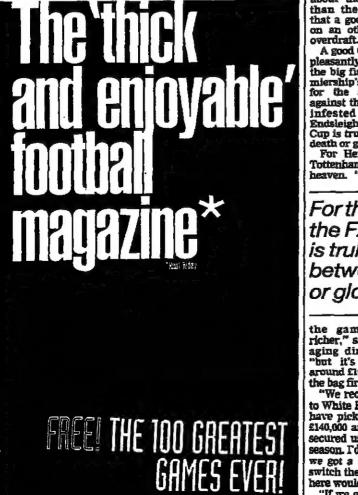
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West Ham United



So, although the prospects of David Ginola winning the Cup for Newcastle, Cantona returning the trophy to Manchester United, Dennis Bergkamp painting Wembley or-ange for Arsenal, Tony Yeboah striking it rich for Leeds and Juninho introduc-ing Middlesbrough folk to street carnivals are undoubtedly intriguing, they are hardly nove

The FA Cup will continue



Plus: Is Serie R really any better than the Premiership? Organ Robson rails against stretcher bearers. Teddy Sheringham confesses he's a moody bugger. and who a Hillwall fan rescued the Gills.



1-0 league victory of four by a Serb and, while it may be weeks ago. Keegan does not difficult to conjure up a men-tai image of Savo Milosevic day, Tottenham, Aston Villa sending Villa fans into rap-and Birmingham. need replays for sure. Unusually Newcastle are involved in the third round's only all-Premiership tie for the second successive season Money is the name of the game when FA Cup time comes round. John Duncan takes a closer look at the

A year ago they were held 1-1 at home by Blackburn before winning the replay impres-sively 2-1 at Ewood Park. If Chelsea are held tomorrow they are unlikely to get a second chance.

home ties and by the spring Alan Shearer could be poised to win a Cup medal.

balance sheet and discovers that a good Cup run means very different things to the big fish and the minnows

Blackburn should do better this time provided they sur-vive at Ipswich. A string of

The successful return of

Giant-killing and the beanstalk effect OR club secretaries, chief executives and managing directors the magic of the Cup is less

include a Cup run in their budgets for the year. At Ley-ton Orient, though, they had guestimated £200,000 from about the slaying of giants than the disappearing act various cups for this season at a club where annual turn-over is less than £1 million that a good run can perform on an otherwise immovable only to find themselves out of everything by January. "That is a lot of money, A good Cup run may offer a

santly warm current to pleasantly warm current to the big fish cruising the Pre-miership's golden pond but, for the small fry fighting against the tide in the shark-infested waters of the Endsleigh League, the FA Cup is truly a choice between death or short said the club secretary David Burton. "A Cup run can make a difference between having to sell a player at the end of the season to survive or not. There can be a bit of a split in the club when the draw is andeath or giory. For Hereford, at home to nounced. I'm sitting there praying for an away draw at a big club and the manager is Tottenham today, it looks like heaven. "We'll come out of

hoping for a home draw that gives the side a chance of winning." Financially the Cup is any-

For the small fry the FA Cup is truly a choice between death or glory

the game about £35,000 richer," said the club's maning season. aging director Robin Fry, "but it's probably cost us around £100,000 coming out of Michael Dunford, "but in our budgets we assume we will go

had won."

the bag first against Spurs. "We reckon if we had gone to White Hart Lane we would out of all the cops straight away, so everything is a bonus. We could get someone like Rochdale in the third have picked up a cheque for £140,000 and that would have secured us for the rest of the season. Id always said that, if round and go out with nothing. We can't assume anything." we got a big home draw, I'd switch the match but the fans There are spin-offs even if

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here would lynch me. the draw brings a big club to "If we get a draw and have a small venue. "The waverers all come back." said Orient's to replay at Spurs you'll hear the champagne corks in the Burton. "They all come into boardroom as loud as if we the club shop and want to be associated with the club

That feeling was echoed by Watford's chief executive John Alexander. "We made more out of one Coca-Cola tie again." "We'll get a big attendance on Saturday." said Hereford's Fry. "but we've found that away at Spurs last year than you lose the majority of them the next week. Last season we we did out of five FA Cup ties. had a sell-out against Notting-You can end up making abso-lutely nothing from the Cup. Last year we were away to gates went back to eractly the same level. What we want to Scarborough and were lucky to draw nil-nil. We got a cheque for £2,000 from the town how important the club came and that could have is to it and hopefully get a een our entire income from new purpose-built stadium. the FA Cup that season." The house that Spurs built?

Most clubs therefore do not Platinum City Premier League Stockport County (II) Att 29,564, won 2-0 Receipts: 2338,180 Minus expenses of: £19,500 Total to Platinum: £143,406 Choises (a) Att: 31,202, drew 0-0 Receipts: £338,853 Necepos: 2330,003 Minus expenses of: 530,000 Plathum's 45%: £138,983 Plus live television fee: £120,000 Total to Platinum: **£258,983** Chaises (b) Att 38,769, won 1-0 Receipts: 2438,699. Minus expenses of: 226,000 Platinum's 42,5%: £175,397 Plus live television fee: C50,000 Total to Platinum: £225,397 thing but a great leveller. For the bigger sides it provides bigger spin-offs. Everton's Cup win doubled their sea-son-ticket base from 11.000 to Norwich City (b) At: 35,429, won 4-2 Receipts: £370,739 Minus expenses of: £25,000 22,000, an experience shared by other successful clubs. A Platinum's 45%: £155,582 Plus TV highlights fer: £15,000 Tetal to Platinum: £170,592 top club could expect a boost from sponsors of £100,000, extra club shop spending of £250,000 and income from Now castle Utd (a) Att: 34,490, r/on 1-0 Receipts: £333,518 European games the follow-Minus expenses of: £30,000 "It's not to be sniffed at," said Everton's chief executive Platinum's 45%: £128,597 Plus ilve tetevision fee: £120,000 Tutal to Platinum: £248,597

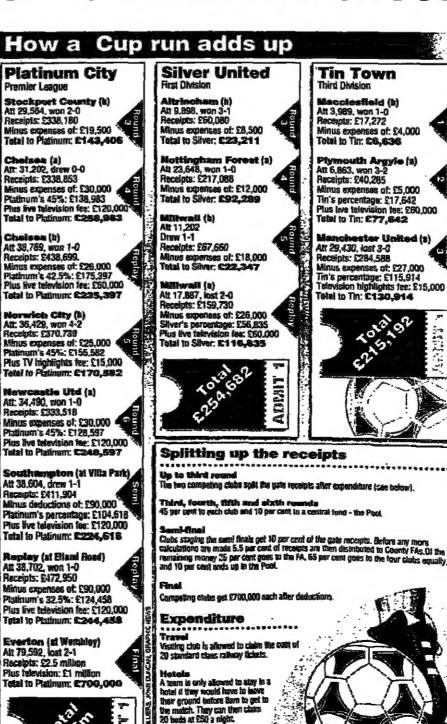
Southempton (al Villa Park) Att 38.604, drew 1-1 Recepts: £411,904 Minus deductions of: 590,000 Platinum's percentage: £104,618 Plus live television foe: £120,000 Total to Platinum: **£224,618**

play (at Elland Road) Att 38,702, won 1-0 Receipts: £472,950 Minus expenses of: 590,000 Plainum's 32,5%: £124,458 Plus live television fee: £120,000 Total to Platinum: £204,458

Everton (at Wembley) Att 79,592, lost 2-1 Receipts: \$2.5 million Plus television: £1 millio Total to Platinum: £700,000



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Blackburn Rovers, with only two away wins out of 19, are glad to have Colin Hendry and Tim Sherwood back after suspension for their visit to lpswich. David Batty and Mike Newell are expected to be fit.

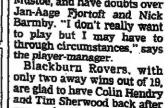
Another player making a welcome return is Nottingham Forest's Bryan Roy, who faces Stoke, Coca-Cola Cup conquerors of Chelsea, at the Victoria Ground. The Dutch striker returns after missing nine games because of cartilage surgery. Injury or sus-pension deprives Stoke of their defenders Vince Overson, Ian Cranson and leading scorer Paul Peschisolido. Liverpool have Mark Wright and Ian Rush available for their home tie against Rochdale, with Rush particu-larly eager to play. He has missed the last nine games and needs only one goal to beat Denis Law's post-war FA Cup record of 41.

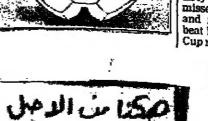
in United's defence MANCHESTER UNITED, bundled out of the Uefa Cup and the Coca-Cola Cup in the first round, will be relieved to see Steve Bruce, Corve Bullister Steve Bruce,

Gary Pallister and Denis Irwin back in the defence for the FA Cup visit of Sunder-land to Old Trafford today. Peter Schmeichel is still unfit, Kevin Pilkington continuing in goal, but that de-fensive trio so badly missed in Monday's 4-1 mauling at Tottenham all return.

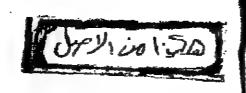
Sunderland's main doubt concerns their veteran midfielder Paul Bracewell, who has experienced his fair share of FA Cup misery. The 33-year-old former England midfielder has played in four los-ing teams at Wembley — for Everton in 1985, 1986 and 1989 and for Sunderland in 1992. He is rated 50-50 after suffering a reaction to his latest hernia operation. Sunder-land's captain Kevin Ball returns after suspension.

Bryan Robson, a player with happier Wembley memowanted action for Middles-brough at Notts County. Boro, who have lost their last three games, are without Neil Cos, Chris Morris, Derek Whyte, Craig Hignett and Robbie Mustoe, and have doubts over the player-manager.





for themselves. Shock potential ** **Triple boost**



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FA CUP THIRD ROUND **Gritty Reid on right** path at Roker

Cynthia Bateman meets Sunderland's fourth manager in five years and finds them ready to survive the Old Trafford test

you can't do better than get Manchester United in the FA Cup," he said after the draw had dealt Sunderland a match at Old Trafford, Now United, with most of their defence recovering from injury, are a lip-smacking prospect for Reid's men.

"United know we will give them a game," said Reid. "We won't lie down." And history backs him. Sunderland have taken United to replays on each of the three occasions they have met in the FA Cup. In the quarter-finals in 1964, after 3-3 at Old Trafford and 2-2 at Roker Park, Sunderland eventually capitulated spectacularly with a 5-1 defeat at Huddersfield.

Reid, whose gritty knockedabout character seems so at home among Roker's galegnawed girders, had his ambitions for Sunderland given a terrific boost with the public announcement by the chairman Bob Murray that his manager will be given £10 million to spend if he takes Sunderland into the Premiership. Reid's laugh was hol-

'I need the money now - to help us get up," he said. He has recently signed the full-back Gareth Hall from Chelses on loan, with the possibility of a permanent move for \$350,000.

team-mate Paul Bracewell | ter of a century. from Newcastle in the sum-

Sunderland are fourth in the First Division and Reid must be hoping they did hot peak too early when they went top after thrashing their promotion rivals Millwall 6-0 in early December. "This league is so tight that you can suddenly find yourself slip-ning holf men down the table

are five or six clubs behind us

who could overtake us if we slip up." And sure enough they started to slide. But Reid will have them fired up for the Cup tie, some-thing at which be is a past master, instilling fighting spirit in a side that was de-moralised before be became

their fourth manager in five years, following Denis Smith, Malcolm Crosby, Terry Butcher and Mick Buxton. "There was a lack of confidence among some of the players but that confidence has regrown," he said. "We were beaten 2-1 by Leicester in the first game of the season and that was a bit of a kick in the teeth. But our recovery since then has proved just what character the side has got. "The crowd have helped us

a lot." Sunderland regularly attract gates of 18,000 and Reid does not subscribe to the view that they are the Northeast's poor relations, despite the fact they have won noth-Reid bagged his old Everton | ing of note for nearly a quar-

The FA Cup final in 1992, which they lost 2-0 after an

sion afflicting the club and

Newcastle, 12 miles to the borth, have the most magnifi-cent stadium and best team in the country. Middlesbrough to the south have their new Riverside ground and a little piece of good fortune called Juninho.

Three years ago Sunder-land were above Newcastle in the league. But, while Sir John Hall poured money into St James', Murray has been pilloried for his thrift by the Reid remains unconcerned

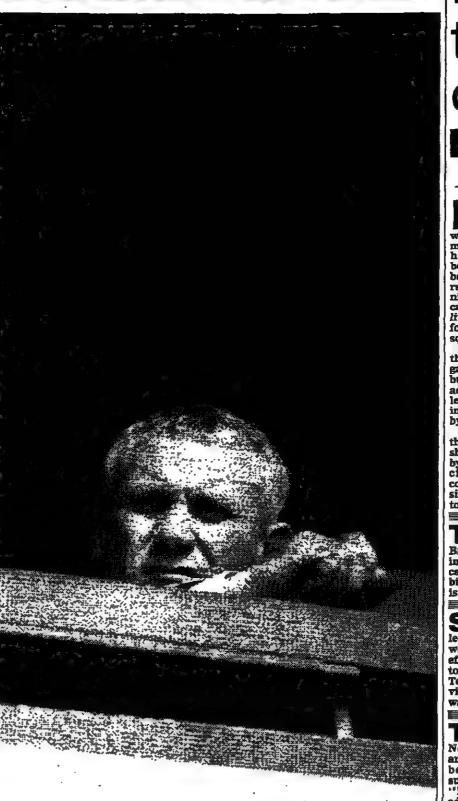
about being upstaged. "Three and a half to four years ago people were saying to Kevin Keegan what they are saying to me now. 'Can the club be great again?'

"I don't expend my energy arguing with people who say we are in the shadow of the other two. I just don't see it that way. I played for Evertor when Liverpool were doing well, and I was manager at Manchester City when United were doing well, so it isn't a situation I am not used to. We can be up there with them. And that is what I am working for." Murray has withdrawn his

major shareholding from sale and, even if the cynics who say he is biding his time because the club will be worth more in the future are right. it still augurs well for the club. And Sunderland now expect work to start in Feb-ruary on their new 34,000 capacity stadium at Wear mouth. scheduled for completion the season after next.

Murray has also decided to pull out his chequebook, despite the club losing £2 mil-lion last season. "We aim to give Peter the ammunition he needs," he said last month.

fimes. Sunderland are already one super highway — they are one of the first flootball clubs to join the internet Reid, a doggedly determined man if ever there was one. will do his damnedest to



SPORTS NEWS 11 Fifa reaches the height of absurdity

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

NCREASINGLY one wonders whether foot-ball was in the queue when God handed out common sense. First, a bah-humbug Scottish referee books Gazza for one of his better jokes - showing the ref a yellow card. Then Vinnie Jones follows his red card for a foul on Ruud Gullit with a disrepute charge for calling the Dutchman a

squealer and a cockroach. And now comes news that, in spite of all the game's many worries from bungs to Bosman, Fifa is addressing the real problem: goalposts. It wants to increase the height of goals by the size of a football. May we humbly suggest that the word "football" should actually be replaced by the phrase "Fifa offi-cial's brain" which, of course, would mean the

size of goals would not have to be increased at all. TANNOY announcement of the week, made at Brentford v Brighton, Boxing Day: "Your wife says can you turn off your mo-bile phone; all she can hear is the game."

SORRY for being thick but, according to at least one newspaper this week, Roy McFarland was effectively the No. 2 at Bolton this season "with Colin Todd making most of the vital decisions". So why was McFarland sacked?

"We have to move with the TYNESIDE postal staff have been in trouble. Newcastle United fans mer for £400,000 and made the former Blackburn Rovers uncharacteristically subdued manager Bob Saxton, who display against Liverpool, was chief scout at Manchester served only as a momentary among sorting staff have been scrawling slogans such as "Toon Army" and "losers" on letters addressed to Roker Park. City when Reid was manager, his first-team coach. The for-mer Sunderland hero Bryan distraction, boosting the supporters' morale while doing little to alleviate the depres-"Pop" Robson, coaching the B Following complaints from Sunderland the area manteam and youngsters at Man-chester United for the past four years, is manager of the neighbours. Working on a winning Sunderland ... Reid has helped turn the team around FRANK BARON ager Tony Fawcett has told staff that any repetition will lead to dismissels. And, yes, he did actually say he wanted to "stamp it out". Premier League | One after another as Gazza Wright apology – again gets two-match suspension seeks to clarify Bosman ruling w he will Kourn on December 16 WDO Were Arsenal Supporters' Club exploit fully the Bosman **Robert Pryce** They have sent statements to Petrick Classes Rangers' home match with Hearts on January 20 and knocked out of the European Player of the Year award THE Premier League will Championship by Holland at the FA explaining their the other week. And what Germans. That way they PAUL GASCOIGNE has al-ready felt the repercus-sions of the ludicrous caution their Scottish Cup third-AN WRIGHT has apoloactions but none of them has meet senior European Anfield last month, do no do you think he was given can go down with all Hans. asked for a personal hearing. Since this would be Robhave another game until the autumn. Graham's ban exgised "unreservedly" for comparing referees to 'litround tie a week later. **Commissioners** in Brussels But Gascoigne will be inon Thursday to try to clartle Hitlers". This may not save him from punishment when the FA disciplinary cluded in Rangers' team at Falkirk today, even if Walter Smith intends making "a ify the Bosman ruling on transfer fees and fielding son's first offence as a manpires in July. he received from the referee A N Other ager, he is likely to escape with a consure or a small fine. Chelses have turned down Dougle Smith for some harm an attempt by Second Div-ision Bournemouth to sign foreign players, writes less larking in Rangers Martin Thorpe. The delegation, led by the Premier League's chief ex-George , Graham has emerged as a contender to bematch against Hibernian last change or two" to freshen a commission considers his Nigel Spackman, the 36-year-old midfielder who started his team who have played through the demanding holi-Saturday. BEST remembered now as a case next week. The Arsenal striker, who is Having been booked again against Celtic on Wednesday come the new Republic of Iremoulder of players and in the habit of making his opinions known throughout the game, appears to have reverted to his former habits day schedule. career at Dean Court. ecutive Rick Parry, will teams, and originally a land manager. The former Arsenal man-ager, axcluded from the game West Ham have agreed a £1.66 million fee with Karlstast their own legal opinion with the commission while At this stage of the asson sign-writer, this student of football was among the last night, the England midfields has exceeded the disciplinary it all gets even tougher," said ruhe for the Croatian de-fender Slaven Bilic, pending a work permit. They have also points limit and will begin a of a breed of attacking cen-tre-halves. After parking in for a year after he was judged listening to its views on Smith. "Even clubs who don't drafting new rules to consider themselves relegaby an FA disciplinary comtwo-match suspension from after starting last year as a an avenue he tried a taste of honey before playing mission to have accepted replace the ones now ruled tion candidates have the in-January 17. reformed character. He was kick-backs from an agent, is one of a number of candidates taken the 48-year-old former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton on loan. lliegal, Prior to the visit a semi-Gascoigne has reached the 16-point celling so quickly — he ended his last ban only 11 centive of a place in Europe. cautioned only once between Falkirk will be no different the end of January and September but he has picked bridge with distinction. A brief spell by a bend in the river followed. Born in Smith was yesterday named the Bell's Manager of being considered as a succes nar will be held in London . Jimmy Nicholl, the Raith on Monday where the Presor to Jack Charlton. days ago — because he was awarded 12 points by the up eight yellow cards since. the Month for December and mier League and the Brit-Lancashire on Armistice "George Graham must manager, has failed to pre He has already served one come into the equation," says the FAI president Louis Kil-coyns. "He has a first-class football pedigree and he is vent his winger Tony Rougier playing for Trinidad and Tobago in the North and Cenish Association for Sport and the Law will give their Day, he was called up for national service relatively SFA's disciplinary committee the Ibrox striker Gordon auspension this season and is Durie, who scored seven goals for his behaviour against Ab fast approaching a second. Performance of the week: legal opinion on Bosman. The Football Association, Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson, Nigel Pearson and erdeen on November 11. in six games, received the late in life, player's award. The committee decided Stan Collymore (Liverpool). tral American Gold Cup and Celtic are at home to the biggest influence in second-bottom Motherwell in Liverpool's recovery thereby missing five domestic games. Fifa refused to relent. Football League and Profesthen he should have been sent Last week: John Wile (Sunderfree from any club commit-ments. He has done it all at Neil Cor also face disrepute charges after clashing with ments. He has done it all at the referve Paul Danson at the end of their defeat at worth considering." ional Footballers' Associa off and he was given an auto-matic one-match suspension as well as the sackful of land, Peterborough, West their last league match of the month at Parkhead. against Nottingham Forest on New Year's Day. even though Rougier himself does not want to leave. tion will attend, plus repre-Bromwich Albion, Peterintatives of most clubs. borough). won by seven wickets, said: "I) the BT Yachtsman of the Year Snooker Tennis Sport in brief **Rugby League** award and one of the squad, don't really think that he ----throws the ball. He was bowl-18-year-old Ben Ainslie, was ing leg breaks and it's very difficult to chuck a leg break." voted overwhelmingly the Wire's coach O'Sullivan Rusedski fails Cricket **Bell sounds a** Youth Sailor of the Year, Sri Lanka's spin bowler Mutresigns after writes Bob Fisher. speeds into to shoot down Golf tiah Muralitharan has again been called for throwing. Dur-The Youth Squad dominated the world youth chamrecord defeat Nick Faldo shot a two-underrallying call semi-finals top seed par 70 to be three shots off the lead after the first round of the season's opening PGA event, the Mercedes Champi-onship in Carlsbad, Califorpionships in Bermuda last July, the eight sailors wining the World Series one-day match against West Indies in BRITAIN's Greg Rusedski Went out of the Australian BRIAN JOHNSON, War-rington's Australian coach, resigned yesterday Brisbane yesterday Muralithning three gold medals in the Cityp Everton aran was no-balled saven six classes. times by the Australian um-pire Ross Emerson. Hardcourt Championships in Two former rugby union players, Va'alga Tuigamala in Hardcourt Championships in Adelaide yesterday when he was defeated by the the 21-year-old top seed Yevgeny Ka-felnikov 6-3, 6-3. The Russian world No. 6, aiming for his Motor Racing RONNIE O'SULLIVAN Reached his first semiin the wake of Thursday's 80-0 rout at St Helens in the nia. The US Open champion Corey Pavin is in the lead, Paul Fitzpatrick In his first over Muralith-David Coulthard has dise centre and Scott Quinnell missed suggestions that he plans to join Jackie Stewart's final of what has so far been a aran was called for throwing one stroke ahead of Mark semi-final of the Regal Troin the second row, are playing at the top of their form for Wigan but, as Schofield says, EEDS produced their best when he was bowling off-spin. O'Meara and two abead of Ben Crenshaw, Scott Hoch phy, the heaviest defeat in the club's history, writes dismal season by beating Darperformance of the Centeren Morgan 5-2 in the Liver-His captain Aravinda De new Ford-engined Formula nary season when they beat second title, was particularly One team. "I am signed with Paul Fitzpatrick. Clive Griffiths, who Silva then instructed him to they have match-winners in pool Victoria Charity Chaland D A Weibring. Wigan 23-11 at Headingley in bowl leg-spin but he was again no-balled. The West Indies captain Rieffective in returning the McLaren for two years and every position. Carl Hall is cup-tied for Leeds but, with Francis Cumenge yesterday. November. Their new coach guided Wales to the World Cup semi-finals, will take Sailing Their match at Birming-British No. 1's powerful the Ford team will be up and Dean Bell had cause to be ec-The West Indies captain Ri-chie Richardson, whose team tion's Youth Squad has won my contract expires." he said. running for a season before ham's International Conven Kafelnikov, who now plays the unseeded Argentine Jastatic but was no more incharge until the end of the tion Centre offered contrastmins in the centre, there is no clined to smile than Buster ing styles, the world No.8 from Wales very solid but weakening of the side there. Keaton. "When we produce 12 vier Frana in the semi-finals, Nor, with Kelvin Skerrett to Griffiths, who was John performances like that, we somewhat one-paced, O'Sulli-van brilliant but inconsistent. said: "I knew that it would be son's assistant, returns to replace him, will the absence might start to get excited," he tough against Greg, so I tried to be more focused and keep Cricket Knowsley Road, the scene of their humiliation, for a Alls TRALLAM WEN'S HANDCOURT CHAMPHONSHIP (Adelado) Custar-finade B Basek (Zim) is D Vacek (Zi 7-5, 6-7, 6-4; 61 Densine (Zi) bit H Holm (Swe) 6-3 (rei); V Karlahikov (Rus) bit G Ru-aedaki (GB) 6-3, 5-3; J Frana (Arg) bit R Furlan (II) 7-6, 6-3; HODBEAK CUP (Perthi: Group & Swit-metand 3, Germany 0 (Swiss Inst: Steplace In Hingle bit A Huber 2-6, 5-2, G-3, Retherlands 4, Asstralia 2 (Neth Brathe 5-7, 7-6, 6-1, R Krajicek Iosi to B Philipponesia 5-7, 2-1 (ref). Destinant Krajicek/Schultz-McCarthy Conceded a W/6 to Philipponesia/Brattice. AUSTRALIAN WEN'S HANDCOURT Results of the suspended Neil Cowie LINGTED OVER'S MATCHE Brisbane: Sri Lanka 102 (452 overs; H Tilekerates 3/no; Ambrase 3-20, West Indies 104-3 (28.1 Overs), West Indies 104-3 (28.1 Overs), West Indies work by seven wickets SHISTERED SMILLD: Parties South Auto-tute one (0 Laborano R.2. J Braydaw 60), said. The 20-year-old Londoner, bother Wigan unduly. False dawns are nothing who defends his Benson & Hedges Masters title at Wemevery ball in the court." The No. 8 seed Byron Black eague game tomorrow. The main interest in tomor-Griffiths said: "Perhaps it is for the best returning row's league programme will Rugby Union of Zimbabwe, a doubles bley next month, was held to centre around Warrington, tralia 235 (O Lehmann 62, J Bray Western Australia 49-0 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Walse Schools 30, Scottish Schools 3 specialist seeking his first singles title, went through to 2-2 but reeled off the next so soon. The players were who have to return to Knowsthree frames in only 32 deeply embarrassed on ley Road only three days after Darts the other semi-final after put Rugby League the biggest humiliation in Thursday and want to minutes. EMBASSY WORLD PROFESSIONAL C'SHIP (Frimby Green): Quarter-finaix L Walace (Scot) bt M Clark (Eng) 4-1. slipstream yet again. STONES CENTENARY CHARPION SHIP: Sheffeld 19, Bradlord 10, * Ken Doherty, who started ting out the No. 2 seed Daniel restore some pride." their history. Castleford, another club in Yet a combative force will This is not a case of Johnto make good his own disap-Vacek of the Czech Republic pointing start to the season by reaching the final of last 7-6, 6-7, 6-4. He meets an-Colf a state of deep shock, meet Halifax at Wheldon Road and son jamping before he was pushed. He has been in MERCEDIES CHAMPONERIUP (Caristed) Calify First round (US unless stated); 67 C Pavin, 66 M O'Meera, 69 D Weibring; 9 Hoch; 8 Crenshw, 70 8 Bryant F Funk; N Faldo (Eng), K Pavry; 5 Ekhagion (Aus) 74 D Waldorf; W Ausdin; T Trybe; T Lab man; J Gallagher; B Yway; L Janzen; 1 Roberts, 72 D Love, 73 B Maytalr; G Nor man (Aus); M Calcovechia; V Singh (Fill) 74 J Aurytic E Doughery; P Stewart; 1 Mickolson; J Morte, 76 H Sutsort; J Daily, WYAMARA PGA, CHAMPONSHIP (Ran goon); Second round; 140 B Rusnigi Hockey other Czech Martin Damm, Albert INTERNATIONAL (Colliant: Inty 0, Great Britain 6. ASMINENI INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Vi-enna): Wossers Econhull (Aut) 6, Scotland 6: Rot-Weise Munich 3, Scotland 15. who went through when month's German Open, mainhope to take advantage of charge at Wilderspool since November 1988 — he had Sweden's Henrik Holm their opponents' injury probtained momentum with a 5-2 played for the club with disretired with a shoulder injury Basketbali victory over John Parrott lems and the fact that this is NEAs Atlants 104, Toronto 101, Chicago 117. Charlotte 63; Seattle 64. Milami 81; New York 105, New Jersey 83; Washington 112, Dallae 100; Minneedta 68, Phoents 93; Secramento 128, Denver 96. which he completed with a after losing the first set. tinction before then - and their seventh game in three ice Hockey Martina Hingis helped. was probably as secure as break of 103. He will be O'Sul-NULL: Montreal 2, NY Islanders 2; St Louis 3, Chicago 1; Philadelphia 2, Colorado 2. davs. Switzerland through to a Most of London Broncos any coach in the game. livan's semi-final opponent at their last four games. meeting with Croatia in today's Hopman Cup final in Meanwhile some of St Hebig-name Australians will be noon today. Alpine Skiing "I expect a lot from my In TARUBAR POA CHAMPIONSHIP (Ran goon: Second round: 140 B Ruangki (Thai) 82, 72, 144 J Senior (Aus) 71, 73, 147 C Kamps (SA) 73, 72, 148 Choi Jin-lyu (S Kar) 72, 76, J Milka Singh (India) 74, 74, Yang Yong-nam (S Kar) 75, 73, Myini Thang (Burma) 78, 70. players and they are begin missing at Workington and ning to respond," says Bell that should give Town the · Peter Ebdon's 5-2 win over lens's enphoria evaporated WOAREN'S WORLD CUP (Marlor): Glast statem: 1, M Ert (Ger) 2min 18.23sec; 2, D Compagnoni (II) 2 18.55; 3, K Setzinger (Ger) 2.18.90, Standinger 1, Ert 300pt; 2, S Panzanni (II) 154; 3, A Wachter (Auf) 150, Owerstir 1, Ert 635pts; 2, Wachter 549; yesterday when the club were given a £10,000 fine with half suspended until Perth after she kept her cool to defeat Anke Huber 2-6, 6-2, Willie Thorne, a 131 break Chess MASTINICS PRICEMER Round & A Yer-molinsky (US) 1, T Luther (Ger) 2, B Lake (Gro) X, M Sadler X: S Conquest 0, A Kha-iliman (Flus) 1; J Speetman X, Hodgson X; S Atalik (Tur) Y A Miles unt. Landers: Khalikman, Laile & Conquest, Sadler, Yer-mohnsky AK, Miles 4 (1 unf); Speetman 4 CHALLEBROERS: Round St G Floar X, M Habden X; A Ledger 0, G Buckley 1; C McNab (Scott X, D Bronstein (Nes) X E Mortensen (Den) 1, L Cooper 0 Leaders: Buckley 7X, Hebden 7, Floar, Bronstein, Mortensen 65. giving him a 2-1 lead and an Among those responding chance to register their first Among those responding have been youngsters such as Marvin Golden, Adrian Mor-ley and Jamie Field, who is rated by Garry Schofield, the Leeds scrum-half who returns to the side after injury, as one of the hardest tacklers he has seen. initiative he never surren-The 15-year-old's doubles December 31. They were dered, took his earnings over partner Marc Rosset also the £100,000 mark for the seafound guilty by the Rugby Football League of not Tennis played good tennis to defeat Martin Sinner 6-2, 6-4 as Ger-many, the defending champison, thus emulating Stephen GATAR OPEN (Doke): Generator Brades Y al-Ayraansi (Mor) bi G Ranus (Fr) 5-2, 6-3; P Korda (C2) bi M Larsson (Swe) 5-4, 7-3; D Princell (Gen) bi N Peretra (Ven) 5-7, D Princell (Gen) bi N Peretra (Ven) 5-7, Snooker Hendry and John Higgins. fielding their strongest side CHARTY CHALLENGE (Brmingham); Guarter-finals: P Ebdon (Eng) bi V Thome (Eng) 5-2; R O'Sulfivan (Eng) bi D Morgan (Wales) 5-2; K Doharty (Ire) bi J Parrott (Eng) 5-2. Higgins or Jimmy White will in the 58-4 defeat by Wigan provide Ebdon's semi-final ons, went out of the mixed at Central Park on Boxing 5-2, 6-1, T 🗰 Flom) 6-2, 6-2. team tournament 3-0. Day. opposition this evening.

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to mark this achievement? A silver trophy maybe, an inscribed medal or a bottle of champagne? No. A rep-lica hand-gun. You know, a model of those things de-signed to kill people. Not the most tactful choice given the current climate of knife amnesties and police calls for pepper sprays. What next? A replica barrel of gunpowder for the year's most explosive shot. or perhaps a replica stick of

gelignite for the player with the shortest fuse? ACCORDING to Ceefax's report on Liverpool's transfer-listing of Walters, Stewart and Molby. Roy Evans said the lack of first-team football bad been very "demolarising" for the players. In other words, there was no bite to Walters's wing play, Stewart's striking was toothless and Molby's career was in decay (from Chris Simpson, Lancaster).

WHEN the new Labour Beer Helene Hayman takes her seat in the Lords next week she has decided to assume the title Baroness Hayman of Dartmouth Park, an area near Highgate in London. This, reports the Jewish Chroni cle, is much to the disgust of her Arsenal-supporting sons who had urged her to

become Baroness Hayman of nearby Highbury. There again, she is actually a Wolves fan and former season-ticket holder. As the Chronicle adds, in that case the Lords will be a home from home given that most people sleep through proceedings there too.

AND so we turn to the Enfield Advertiser, where local businesses can run their advertisements alongside the names of Pre-miership clubs. Unfortu-nately West Ham's name and logo appear above an advert for Rio's Nudist **Club while Bolton Wander**ers' forecasts "Early Janu-ary Sale". And Manchester United? Ah yes, "Hendon Impotence Clinic." (Spotted by Rupert Price, Enfield). DAVID SEAMAN was presented with the Ater City are hoping to

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new at Headingley and Bell anticipated that one. The almost inevitable slump in form followed and Leeds now find themselves in Wigan's

take the field against Wigan in the second Regal Trophy semi-final at Central Park today. After the defeats against Sheffield, Halifax and Warrington, which cost them any realistic hopes of win-ning the title, Leeds have won

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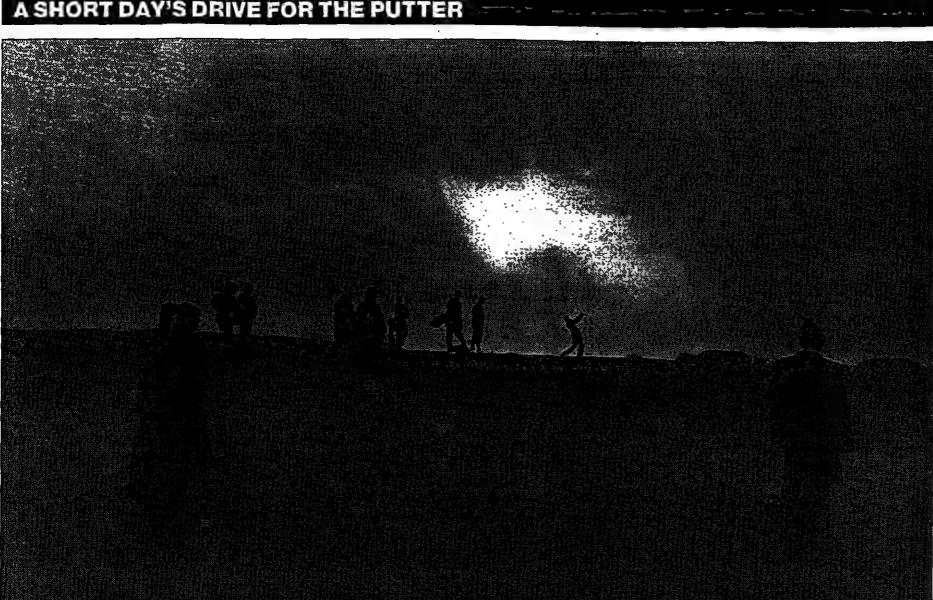


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SOCCER: Preparing for shocks - David Lacey on the FA Cup third round, page 10 CRICKET: One more lesson - Mike Selvey reviews another lost series, page 9

Sports Guardian



Blue turns to grey . . . Charlie Rotheroe watches his opponent Mark Williamson tee off during the Oxford and Cambridge President's Putter at Rye late y terday. Rotheroe, whose handicap of plus one is the best in the field, won 2 and 1 to advance to this morning's fifth round

Cricket World Cup under threat

Delhi's Ferozeshah Kotla

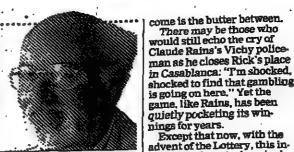
Suzanne Goldenberg in New Delhi on

February 14, are running into | England are well versed in | hosts], which is volatile, and | He has cited statements by rouble. Newspaper reports the volatilities on the sub-con-said yesterday that work on tinent. Three years ago their problems during a recent Imran Khan, who allegedly

tour to India was severely dis-

Going to pot because of the lottery

Saturday January 6 1996



David Lacey

OW appropriate it is that the day of foot-ball's biggest national lottery. namely the third round of the

year the company's turnover dropped 20 per cent. This is serious news for the game, particularly those clubs who have so far missed the TV FA Cup, should coincide with the National Lottery's biggest day. One more roll-over and the winner will have nearly gravy train. Once football mough to buy Chelses. reckoned the pools existed to provide copyright fees for But whatever size squillion-aire the numbered balls may using the fixtures. The suc-cess of the lottery has proved create tonight, and however

many plums may be produced by tomorrow's Cup draw, the conjunction of these events should remind football of its debt to gambling habits which have undergone a metamorphosis as a result of the lottery's soaring success.

The FA Cup is in the second season of its first sponsorship, a £14 million deal with Littlewoods Pools, and here an interest should be declared. For it was on a foggy London evening many moons ago that the puise raced and the stomach tightened with the realisa-

game might still regard pools promoters as decidedly below

he salt. In the mid-Thirties

the Football League tried to dish them by hushing up the

fixture list, a fight abandoned

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teams were playing from one week to another. They might

If Rupert Murdoch spreads

the honey on bread provided

by the ever increasing admis-

tion that the third round of the Cup had produced enough draws in the right places for a win on the Treble Chance. The involuntary cry of exal-tation that punctuated a Bible

class rally at Westminster may have had a spiritual influ-ence on the dividend — 30 pieces of silver. But the imme-

diate feel-good factor was real, hence a lingering affection for

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N THE November budge the Chancellor responded to a plea for a 15 per cent cut in pools betting duty with one of five per cent, plus another one per cent in May. More reductions will be needed if clubs in the lower divisions are to meet the 1999 deadline for ground improve ments set by Taylor.

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come has shrunk alarmingly.

Behind Littlewoods' sponsorship of the FA Cup lies a contribution of more than £250 million which has come to the

Football Trust through spot-

the ball competitions. But last

Club sweeps have been badly hit as well. Rochdale, seeking glory and a bit of cash at Liverpool today, funded a £1 million stand through a weekly draw at Spotland; the entry dropped from 13,000 to below 10,000 once the National Lottery was underway. If there were band-outs for cheek, the Scottish junior

team that declared itself a musical society and applied for a lottery grant along with the Royal Opera House would

a tournament gearing up for trouble

next month's cricket World Cup were heightened yesterday when the most powerful politician in Bombay renewed his threat to bar the Pakistan side from playing matches in India, saying the team represents the forces of Islamic

Although Pakistan, the joint hosts, play their opening matches at home they will have to travel to India if they progress into the later stages. Two quarter-finals are sched-

EARS about security | Madras, followed by both and organisation at | semi-finals - at Chandigarh semi-finals — at Chandigarh and Calcutta. But, with gen-eral elections expected in dispute. April, there are fears that political parties will try to cash in on anti-Muslim sentiment. raised fears about the safety of cricket grounds in the wake of the collapse of a sta-dium during a New Zealand match at Nagpur in Novem-Bal Thackeray, the leade of the Hindu extremist Shiv Sena party which heads a ber in which nine people were governing coalition in the western state of Maharashtra, warned: "Life would be made killed and 70 injured. The Board of Cricket Control in India has reviewed safety at all the 17 venues difficult for all visiting Pakistan teams in all sports disci-

following the tragedy and set plines in the future. aside £20 million to upgrade facilities, some of which are Thackeray's threat comes amid signs that plans for the uled for Bangalore and tournament, which opens on woefully inadequate.

ground, where India meet Sri Lanka on March 2, has been rupted by a strike by Indian Airlines pilots and in 1984 the Indian prime minister Mrs Gandhi and the British Depdelayed until the end of February, following a legal uty High Commisioner. Percy Norris, were assassinated Indian newspapers have

shortly after David Gower's team arrived. However, the TCCB said vesterday that it was confi-

lent that there was no immediate threat to English play ers. "Should the political situation deteriorate we would seek advice from the Foreign Office as to what

special measures we should take." sold Tim Lamb, the TCCB cricket secretary. "I was out in Pakistan with

that the Pakistani Coca-Cola the A team four weeks ago subsidiary drop its sponsor ship. "Let Coca-Cola restrict and I took the chance to speak itself to selling soft drinks, otherwise they will find it to the High Commissioner about general security in Ka-rachi where England play a group match against the quences." he said.

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game against Sri Lanka. We described all India Pakistan are not too concerned at the games as a jihad, or holy war, moment but it is standard to back his claims that Pakipractice to have an armed esstan cricket is a threat to india's national interest. cort there." At this week's launch of his Though he holds no elected Friends of Shiv Sena, Thack-

office, he is acknowledged as eray exhorted his followers, the real power behind the rulwho have a reputation for ing coalition. thuggery, that he expected them to respond to his call. "This is the kind of militancy

Thackeray is given to vent-ing his rage, either at public meetings or in the pages of the Shiv Sena newsletter, and that should be in your blood. over 30 years has singled out Thackeray, a minor car outh Indians, communists, toonist who transformed the trade unions, sexually explic-Shiv Seria into the real force it movies and American power companies. Fears that he would object to a thinly in India's largest city, first at-tacked the Pakistan side in September and demanded veiled portrait of himself in Salman Rushdie's lastest work The Moor's Last Sigh prompted its Indian distributors not to sell the book in Bombay. However, he has most consistently targeted Muslims.

the penny points. surely have been rewarded. Some of the reactions to the Then again, maybe a hearty rendering of Four-and-twenty announcement that the FA's last piece of silver was to be Virgins was not quite what the old to a pools company were bit sniffy, and parts of the

committee had in mind. After all, a sense of decorum needs to be maintained. The Turner conducting tonight's numbers game is unlikely to do so in the spirit of the Turner who in the 1946 Cup final between Derby County and Charlton Athletic put the ball into each net and then saw it burst, presumably through embarrassment. Tomorrow's fourth-round draw will be made by Nat Lofthouse, the last man to score in a final by charging the goalkeeper over the line, and Tom Finney, who can hardly fail to give a better perfor-mance than he did for Preston at Womblay in 10 cr. at Wembley in 1954. Even the great have off days. The good

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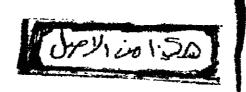
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sion prices demanded from fans, then surely the pools inmerely have days off. Russian roulette **Guardian Crossword No 20,542** Set by Bunthorne coup for Millwall wall's manager Mick Mc-Carthy after three weeks of Martin Thorpe "This is a great day taiks. WO of Russia's top in-ternationals have for the club." Yuran, 26. helped Benfica passed up the chance to play in the European Cup take Arsenal apart in the 1991-92 European Cup and in front of 80,000 people in order to join Millwall. The last season was with Porto. But he returned to Spartak, striker Sergei Yuran and the versatile Vaseli Kulkov scoring three goals - in-cluding the winner at ORD SOLUTION 20_ Blackburn — as his team won the Champions' League Group B. Kulkov. have signed on loan until 13 See 9 the end of the season. 14 One jumping to conclusions: that's novel! (3-6) Such is the poor financial 29, was also with Porto and state of Russian football that Spartak Moscow could not hold the pair despite 15 See 9 plays in defence or midfield where he is a skilful passer. 17 Someone talking about you? Sounds close! (7) the forthcoming quarter-final against Nantes. In-stead they will make their Some may feel that Yuran was being premature when be said: "We have played 19 Film thus completed of the old empire (5) debuts against Port Vale for some of the great clubs 20 Thus cowboys make short next Saturday. in Earope but this is the The signings give a timely boost to Millwall's pinnacle of our careers." But Millwall have trumped work of task I'm performing many bigger English clubs. flagging promotion drive; 21 Eastern ruler confining me Across Solution on Monday Premiership cash is seen as "We got the players be with Eastern ruler (5) 1 Club for the inky-tongued? crucial to Millwall's cause we got in early." said 22 Engrossed in putting up ⁽⁷⁾ Miliwall's chairman Peter rickety finances. white cod price (11,4) 5 Singer's sole motivation "I have been on the edge Mead. "If this doesn't cap-23 Waste a French lawyer found ture the fans' imagination I of my seat waiting for the once (7) in architectural circles (7) players to sign," said Mill- | don't know what will," 9,11,1dn,13,15dn W-W-24 Stone less than precious by Wh-What? Earth's termination hush pained T S one point (7) Eliol? B-By G-dl Down (4,2,3,3,3,5,4,3,4,1,4,3,1,7) 1 see 9 10 Was elected contrarily by Implement improving Showgirls is a film with casting (5) crofting benefit (5,4,6) no convincing characters, 11 See 9 3 Mishkin, I state, was "out to 12 Artisan's pride: mod cons no convincing performances, iunch" (9) on Kon-Tiki? (9) 4 Defer to king over tug of and a clanking script. It's 14 Spa's ingenuous reversion love reversal (5) got feathers in its head. 5 Agate as set by Sheridan (3,8) 15 Dark lady left after gold ring iron in its soul and lead in on her finger! (5) 6 The Spanish and South African bounder (5) its crotchless pants. 16 Verbal variations from 7 Keeping in time (9.6) verballed misadventures (9) **Cattoo**k gages 17 8 Kremer's only contribution 18 Where political lunatics are from the poet-essayist (7) tound with pirates (9)

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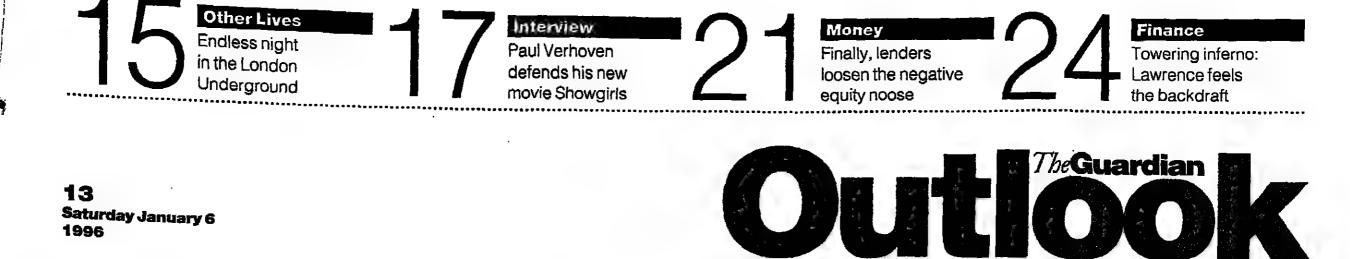
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MARTIN WOOLLACOTT deplores the West's dependence on cheap Saudi oil and the compromises we make to retain it. Below, RICHARD NORTON-TAYLOR on the arms makers' inside line to Whitehall

Crude deals that buy our silence

RMS and appeasement have long been twin themes in Britain's relationship with Saudi Arabia. It was the British gift of German rifles captured from the Turks which first tipped the tribal arms balance in the Arabian peninsula definitively in Ibn Saud's favour during the first world war. And, as soon as the new Saudi state became strong. Britain began to appease it, treating it, an irate Glubb Pasha wrote in 1981,

'as if it was the US". Sevenity years after the con-uest of Mecca by Saudi bross, Britain is still in the business of supplying arms to the Saudis and its instinctive reflex is still to defer to the demands of Ibn Saud's descen dants. Buy it or bury it is the crude principle that almost always animates the Saudi royal family when they encounter any criticism. In this case the Saudis have bought out the British tradition of political refuge, while we have undertaken to bury the offending Mohammed al-Mas'ari away on a remote island. Domínica, of all places, is supposed to take the dissident who has earned Saudi wrath by his skilful exploitation of the fax machine and his ability to feed the information hunger of a society starved of reliable news. It is a bizarre solution to this particular instance of our dependence on the objectionable, difficult, and fragile regime of Saudi Arabia. One has only to imagine the difference had al-Mas'ari been, say, a Syrian, Chinese, or Nigerian dissident to grasp how complete that dependence is. British dependence on Saudi Arabia, further, is only part of a general western dependence on that strange country, a dependence made worse by the fact that the industrial countries relish any disadvantage suffered by one another in the scramble for Saudi money. In such a situation morality, common sense and the long-term interest of the West as a whole always suffer. It is that overall dependence that is the real scandal. the real problem, and the real difficulty. We have become so familiar with it that the fact that normality in the industrialised world rests on the glass pillar of Saudi Arabia is often forgotten. As Professor Fred

Halliday points out in his new book on the West and Islam
"In the late twentieth century, secure and reasonably priced oil is as important a component of stable democratic politics as cheap wheat was in the late nineteenth." Saudi Arabia provides that oil in quantities larger than any other country, so one would think there would be a powerful

western interest in the long term stability of that country. Moet people, including most intalligent Saudis — and inparts cluding some enlightened members of the royal family believe that such stability can only be achieved through reform tear referent sa rarer commodity in Saudi Arabia

National Lottary every year. This cannot be the basis, unamended, of a polity that will survive. Saudi Arabia needs not so much damocracy, which is far, far away, as to make a start in that direction by disciplining the royal clan, and giving a degree of political participation to the educated and the merchant class. The Saudi regime has retained its appetite for military technology, but long after the rationale for it has departed. The expensive weaponry the Saudi save

weaponry the Saudis have bought from the United States. France, and from Britain under the al-Yamamah deal, is essentially useless. The Gulf war showed that

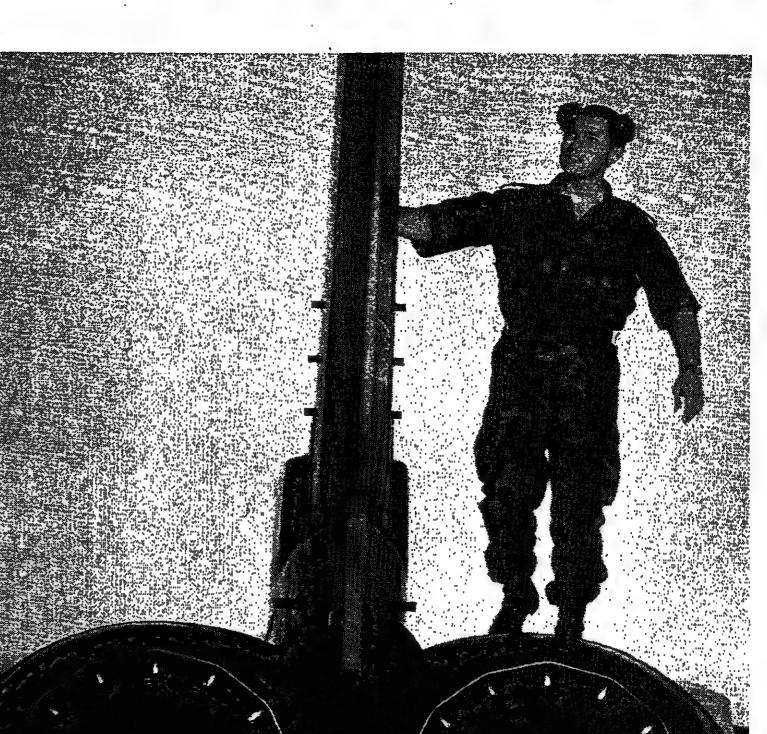
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than water in the desert, and the western pressure that might help bring it rarer still, because the Saudi ruling clan uses its power to purchase l near absolute immunity from any form of criticism and from any urging of change.

any form of criticism and from any urging of change. Words like "feudal," phrases like "desert kingdom," conceal the reality. Saudi Arabis is neither feudal nor a true kingdom. It is an ascendancy of one family and one religious tendency over a patchwork of conquered territories, in all of which still live men and women who remember a time before the Saudis came. It is a modern hybrid made possible when one family and tribal confederation grabbed western milits

more effectively. Whatever may have been the case in the early days, a family that once rested its claim to pre-eminence on physical toughness, military

skills, and religious purity can hardly claim them now. The public morality of the Wahabi code is daily contradicted by the invate vices of the prominent! Its critics argue persuasively that most of the royal menfolk these days are ill-educated and self-indulgent. Most of them are greedy, some of them are lawless, many are incompetent holdars of government office. The few able and well-intentioned princes hardly make up for the faults of the majority. The size of the royal clan is

The fize of the royal claims such that an estimated 40 to 45 new males are added to it every month, all of them convinced, as one British writer on Gulf affairs puts it, that they have a right to win the

rebeilion, the need would be for infantry and armoured cars. The tanks and warplanes would be largely irrelevant in such a situation unless one envisages, as some do, elements of the armed forces fighting one another in a civil war. The main function of this arms trade, which soaks up so much of Saudi wealth, however, is something different. It is a pay-off for western passivity, argue critics of the regime like Said K Aburish, whose book The Rise, Corruption And Coming Fail Of The House Of Saud caused ructions inside and outside Saudi Arabia when first published in 1994. Saudi Arabia survives as it is because it pays off its west-ern backers with, first of all, cheap oil and then with the huge arms, construction and other contracts for which the western countries so nakedly contend. This transaction,

content. This transaction, therefore, is not so much about arms, bridges, or telephone exchanges but about the immunity of the Saudi regime from western criticism and pressure on the one hand and the West's need for money on the other. In the case of the Americans, Saudi Arabia is also seen as vital to that overall American dominance in the Middle East which has become so

complete since 1989. In addition, the Americans calculate that Saudi Arabia must be kept sweet so that it can be that Saudi Arabia must be kept sweet so that it can be

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ern parts of the country iss means that other, historically country restive, regions see the unity of a state they otherwise ta resent as vital. To some has been compromised and co-opted. So the regime does have time — but the question is whether it is capable of using ar

The real weight of al-Mas'ari as an opposition figure is hard to measure. But what he has demonstrated is that there is a front on which the regime is open to challenge. He has countered the extraordinary Saudi dominance of the Arab press, much of which they own outright and nearly all of which they influence. Using the fax as a means of transmission and the formats of business journal-

ism — newsierters and
 country and industry reports
 complete with charts and
 tables — for presentation, he
 has cut a swathe through
 Saudi information barners.
 Reports on economic ten dencies and critiques of cor ruption and mismanagement
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 course be stopped by the de portation of one man.
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President Kennedy in 1963 took 30 years to materialise and then only in diluted form. Yet if the Saudi regime meets disaster at some future point, both the West and the Arab world would suffer. The Americans may trust to their military capacity in the Gulf to set things right but it may not be so easy to do so. The problem is that Saudi Arabia needs to reform and is while but of a subject them

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Arabia needs to reform and is unlikely to do so unless there is western pressure. Yet this understanding always gives way before the reality of Saudi money and power and the competitiveness of western countries who are both its patrons and its clients. This is the vicious circle that the case of Mohammed al-Mas'ari so dismally illustrates.

The weapons that cost British taxpayers an arm and a leg

OHN MAJOR's administration, like its predecessors, is obsessed with selling British weapons abroad. It has distorted its own human rights guidelines to sell arms to incrative, mainly Middle East and Asian, markets. It has ma-Deal makers: Mrs Thatcher and

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd in 1987

 nipulated official criteria covering aid to persuade foreign governments to buy British weapons. It has tasked MI6 and GCHQ to watch out for promising arms deals before they go to Britain's competitors. It has even provided secret intelligence to countries, including Saudi Arabia,

and hoping for rewards in the shape of weapons deals.

Arms companies enjoy a uniquely privileged relationship with the intelligence agencies, the Ministry of Defence, and the Foreign Office. The Government spends more than 10 times as much promoting arms sales as it does civil exports.

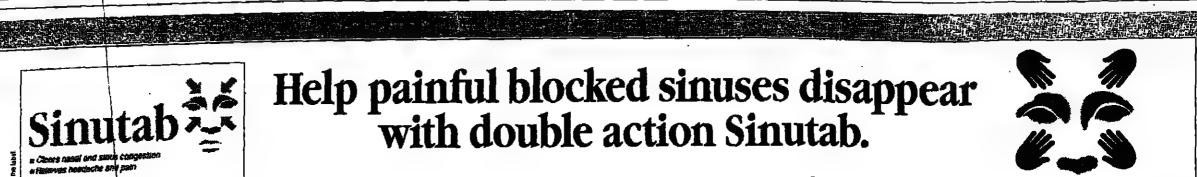
In 1969 it earmarked £284 million from the aid budget to Malaysia's Pergau dam project. The origins of co

the decision, subsequently ruled unlawful by the High Court, lay in Margaret Thatcher's promise to provide money for the economically questionable project when she was negotiating an arms deal with Malaysia worth £1.3 billion. Per capita aid to Indonesia has more than quadrupled

Indonesia has more than quadrupled mah deal with Over the past 15 years in spite of that country's relative wealth and its con-

tinuing occupation of East Timor but at a time Malaysia agreed to buy British Aerospace Hawk aircraft with the prospect (recently realised) of further deals.

In 1985, Thatcher signed the unprecedented oil-for-arms al-Yamamah deal with Saudi Arabia, worth £2 billion a year. A National Audit Continued on Page 15



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Mr Blair feeds the tigers

CCORDING to a recent poll. 99 per cent of City investment institutions expect Labour to form the next government. So, it increasingly seems, do 100 per cent of the world's political and business leaders. The red carpet is being rolled out for Tony Blair in Japan and Singapore this week because foreign governments and corporations not to mention our own diplomats want to get to know the man they all expect to be at Number 10 before long.

Politics is an unforgiving business, so every increase in interest in Mr Blair contrasts with an equivalent decrease in attention to John Major. Indeed it sometimes seems at the moment as though not just Britain but also the outside world has decided that the next general election is a foregone conclusion. Mr Major is increasingly regarded as a lame duck leader who is serving out his time: no one wants to be nasty to him because no one really takes him seriously. On the other hand Mr Blair is increasingly treated as the prime minister-elect: everyone wants to lobby him and the most unlikely audiences listen atten-

tively to what he has to say. It is worth pointing out that this parliament still has 17 months to run before either of these assumptions can be vindicated. Mr Blair is as aware of this cold fact as anyone. That is one of the reasons why he has been very sparing with his overseas visits since becoming Labour leader. So Mr Blair's trip to the Far East is significant in two ways: first for the message which he is now seeking to send to the domestic electorate; and second for the choice of the countries he is visiting. The object of the exercise is to show British voters that Labour is solidly preparing for government, while the choice of Japan and Singapore reflects the desire to show the world - and especially the business world — that Labour is a party fully in touch with the global economic change now being generated from the Pacific rim.

Yet it would be a mistake to assume that Mr Blair is making a pilgrimage to the Pacific simply to pay uncritical respects to the so-called Asian model of political economy which has become such a fashionable cult in some rightwing circles. The speech which he gave to the Keidanren in Tokyo yesterday and the speeches he will be making over the next two days before returning to London are anything but a grovel towards a system which, in any case, is too easily caricatured here as economic prosperity in return for social discipline.

Mr Blair's Tokyo speech may have stressed that Labour does not intend to dismantle many of the economic and labour market reforms of the past 17 years. It may have raised traditionalist eyebrows by describing Labour as "the party of business". But its view of the world was totally distinctive from that of any current Conservative. The speech stressed the role of government as an investor and equipper, rather than as a deregulator and a disengaged laissezfaire neutral. And it said that prosperity and fairness can only be built on the basis of social cohesion rather than social division. In Singapore he is expected to go further, emphasising the central role of government as a "stakeholder" in ensuring the necessary public trust in economic expansion. This is a very different explanation of the world, and of government's role within it, from any that can be plausibly offered by any Conservative.

No speech by any politician can bring about economic change. But Mr Blair's speech in Tokyo is one of the clearest statements he has yet offered about Labour economic thinking, one which challenges any who resist it to put forward their alternative with equal honesty and clarity. At its heart is the conviction that Labour has to accept the reality of globalisation and to work with it, rather than to set itself vaguely against it and espouse some level of protectionism. Everything else follows from this - the importance of stability, the avoidance of macro-economic risk-taking, the setting of investment priorities, and the necessary but new role of government in economic management and regulation. Mr Blair is setting the pace. He is undoubtedly learning from the Pacific nations - but he has increasingly got some lessons for them too.

The silencing of Al Mas'ari

HE PARALLEL world of Britain's de-fence establishment is hard to penetrate. The chaps follow one another through revolving doors marked government, industry or one of the three services in soberly clad anonymity. Just occasionally a little light is shed on the way that this cosy mafia operates and its influential connections extend into the intelligence world. The confidential memorandum from Sir Colin Chandler, chief executive of Vickers and formerly Britain's chief arms salesman, is a document worth studying as much for what it tells us about the exotic culture of this government as for the specific light which it sheds upon the Mohammed Al-Mas'ari affair.

Mr Mas'ari was deported from Britain, we were told again yesterday by the Home Secretary with the same candour as his minister Ann Widdecombe on the previous day, in order to protect "com-mercial links" with Saudi Arabia. This, in the Guardian's view, also stated yesterday, is tantamount to giving in to blackmail. Whatever the view, the directors of those arms industries making money out of selling weapons to Saudi Arabia would have been expected to express concern to the Government about the effect of Mr Mas'ari's campaigning on their profitable relationship with the Saudi royal family. But the memoran-dum goes far further, revealing a degree

of intimacy between the arms manufacturers, government officials (including senior diplomats) and intelligence agencles which is both incestuous and dangerous.

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Vickers and British Aerospace, by this account, were not merely engaged in presenting a case to ministers and civil servants on behalf of their own commercial interests. They were engaged in a concerted effort to silence Mr Mas'ari with the apparent full cooperation of the Foreign Office as well as with British intelligence and the CIA. They were act-ing on behalf of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and his brother the defence minister in an attempt to silence Saudi dissidents. It was deemed quite in order for the head of a British industry in the private sector to offer advice to the British government on a matter of extreme diplomatic sensitivity - how to deal with the defecting son-in-law of Saddam Hussein. Sir Colin's proposal got a quick and positive response from the British ambassadorto-be in Riyadh. The "material" gained from this Iraqi war criminal, it appears, was used in an unsuccessful attempt to appease Saudi royal outrage at Mr Mas'ari

What the document reveals is a type of presumptuous behaviour which makes nonsense of democratic account-ability. Vickers and BAe should stick to selling their lethal goods and leave policy to the elected government. As a sinister footnote we note the regret expressed that "direct Saudi intervention" against Mr Mas'arl would be "difficult". At least he was safe in Britain, or so we hope, from having a limb amputated.

What is this thing called rage? Annie's home for the House

Random violence committed by 'ordinary' people is a growing phenomenon. DUNCAN CAMPBELL looks for the roots of their anger

stabbed in a super-market in Birmingham. Four more are attacked in a Job Centre in Bexleyheath. The events strike home — if that is the right word — because they suggest that Nowhere Are You Safe. You go to find a job so that you can go shopping and someone goes bersark. You go shopping anyway and someone runs amek. The attacks come at a time when the police are calling for the issuing of pepper sprays or CS gas to protect them from random violence. So what is this thing called Rage . The extremes of Birmingham and Bexleyheath comple ment a perception, shared by most people who live in cities or drive regularly on motorways, that there is now a lot of 'rage" ground, that the stories we used secretly to enjoy reading about of Americans shooting each other because of an argument in a petrol station are now being re-enacted in the UK. "Road rage" has become the most popular concept of these audden explosions but we have also heard of "trolley rage" --- violent fights over queues in supermarkets; "golf rage" - violent arguments over players playing too slowly and any other rage you want to stick a prefix on during a quiet news day. We are not talking about mentally disturbed people who have been released into what is euphemistically called care in the community; it is not about hoodlums carrying switch-blades so that they can relieve neonle of their watches: it is not about Saturday night he tings outside the Dog and Duck; and it is not about men with unimaginative tattoos being shot dead in their Range Rovers in Essex "Rage rage" is about a normally passive person's sudden inability to restrain himself or herself from violence either physical or verbal quite out of proportion to the provocation. It is, as Horace described anger, a furor brevis, a brief madness, Since Horace was



the West End for parking of-fences. The staff there, who have the haunted look of people who have been sitting for too long in a trench under heavy artillery bombardment work behind a barricade because of the rage of those whose cars have been removed. In contrast, the next

door warehouse, which houses regular all-night raves, is an object lesson in the pa-cific qualities of such enter-tainments. Yet the people arriving for their cars are almost all richer, older and more "respectable" than those attending the raves. And still they rage. Barrie Irving, the director of

lan Aitken the Police Foundation and a psychologist, believes that one reason we see more of the rage is because of a general level of uncertainty through the change in the labour market and the increase in the dispar-ity between the rich and poor. This leads, he believes, to fruslence. There are other reasons - a breakdown of accepted. forms of discipline, a society which does not have a commo ground on what is acceptable, anomie. At the same time, the people who are the butt of such attacks are less prepared for them than in the past. Barrie Irving suggests that a previ-ous generation of police officers could spot the signs of impending rage because they had learned to deal with 50 drunk dockers on a Liverpoo waterfront without having to radio for support, not least be cause they had no radio anyway, Now we tend to look for an instant solution of which the pepper spray is an obviou and understandable example. **Criminologist Betsy** Stanko, the author of Every day Violence, who is currently attached to the institute of Criminology in Cambridge pelieves that some of the rage can be traced to the economic situation: "If we're employed we're overworked and, if we're not, we're poor, People are on the edge, what they call in America one paycheck away from poverty." Everyone is familiar with a child's rage. Often it is a rage of sheer frustration that he or she is unable to do what they desire, or a sudden thwarting of their whim. What we are now seeing is a similar child-like rage from people who cannot play with their cars the way they want to but also from people who feel increasingly penned in and frustrated. A few people have tried to avoid it by quietly leaving the system and becoming New Age travellers. Others remain and smoulder, New Rage travellers,

became the catering suprem that the appeals of lobby correspondents for a new correspondents for a new Annie's Bar were taken serlously. It therefore represents virtually the only benign legacy of Cap'n Bob, and ex-plains why he was less unpopular with parliamentary journalists than with the rest of the human race when he fell off that boat. Mind you, Whiteley had a point. I can think of at least

wo enormously promising Labour backbenchers, plus a revered ex-minister, who destroyed themselves in Annie's Bar. On the other hand, I once saw a Tory MP tumble backwards off one of its bar stools, sustaining such a severe bang on the head that he gave up the drink forever. He remained in the Commons for years, a wiser but a duller

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writing before Christ was born he had, presumably, not seen Michael Douglas in the about in front of you. Now film Falling Down but he would have recognised that brief madness which drove a the place. "normal" man to violence sparked off by a traffic jam on hot day. The reason we are so

nanship of the Health and alarmed by it is because it is seen as unBritish. Of the Safety Executive to consider the problem of increasing violence faced by staff in contact with the public. The Tavistock words we have used above to describe what happens, "ber-serk" is Icelandic, "amok" is Institute produced a study, Violence To Staff by Barry Malay, Britain never really Poyner and Caroline Warne, found the concept of an Angry Brigade very frightening be-cause they didn't believe that back in 1986. It looked at the problems faced by staff work people in this country got that ing in public transport, the health and welfare services angry. You queued for the bus, you smiled at the check-out and also teaching and bousing woman, you waited your turn when confronted by people fu-

to enter the crowded train. rious at the service's failure to you let the car on to the round deliver.

In 1988, a more specific apparently mild-mannered study by Barry Poyner, Barry Webb and Robin Meakin expeople are cracking all over plored violence in benefit of-But it has not happened fices in a report called Aggressive Behaviour by Claimants. It concluded that "violence is overnight. In 1984, a commit-tee was set up under the chair not caused by mindless hooli-gans who go about being indiscriminately violent." The people who became enraged, it found, were frustrated at ob taining the benefit or services they expected. They also found that the more barriers that were erected between staff and claimaints, the higher the tension and the creater risk of violence. Which places the staff in the invidious position of knowing that if they protect

themselves, they run the risk of provoking violence and if

they don't, they run the risk of suffering violence. The report recommended

honesty so that people had no false expectations and a "friendly attitude" towards claimants. Both of which are easier to recommend than to implement. But no recommen dations can prepare us for the sudden explosion that is the ccumulation of a dozen frustrations that have taken place elsewhere before the final confrontation. One lesson for anyone seek-

ing to understand rage would be to visit the depot in north London run by Camden council where cars are taken after Peter Till is away they have been removed from

and bonking serials which purport to tell us what our aren't (in the words of the old cockney song) "passing lors to put dahn crime". But my interest was aroused when I learned that the latest in the enre is to be called Annie's Ваг.

OT being much of a television addict, I haven't watched

many of the booze

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the bars

Now, Annie's Bar is one of those Westminster establishments to which this column owes its name. I was present at its opening in 1969 - a ceremony conducted by Ted Heath, the then leader of the opposition, in the presence of aptain Robert Maxwell MP, then chairman of the Commons' catering committee. The mind boggles at the amount of time I spent in its claustrophobic precincts during the subsequent quarter of a century — strictly in the line of duty, you understand. In fact, the ceremony was a

re-opening rather than an opening, since there had been an Annie's Bar before the war. Presided over by a lady called Annie, its door opened virtually into the members' lobby, just off the chamber. It was one place where reporters could meet MPs on equal terms, but it was wrecked along with the rest of the commons facilities by Hitler's bombs. Attlee's chief whip after the war --- when MPs moved back

into their refurbished quarters — was a stern teetotailer called Willie Whiteley (not to be confused with a far-from-teetotal Conservative with a somewhat similar name). Whiteley held that boozing in Annie's Bar had been the ruin of many Labour MPs, including "Uncle" Arthur Greenwood, the deputy leader, so he vetoed any idea of re-opening it. It wasn't until Maxwell

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ghan's minority government in office. Quite a lot of those deals were sealed over a glass or two in Annie's with Walter's Tory opposit number, John Stradling Thomas. Memories of Walter Harrison were revived during the progress of that ludicrous pre-Christmas libel action which turned partly on whether a Tory MP who shared a hotel bed with another man was or was not a homosexual. The members of the iury decided that he was. Walter should have told them his story of an all-party Commons delegation in the South Seas, when the visitors were faced with a shortage of beds on one tiny island. After drawing lots, a luckless but heterosexual Labour MP found himself sharing a double bed with a frightfully grand Tory knight. Next morning the Labour MP came down to breakfast looking like death. He explained to Harrison that his sleeping partner had snored thunderously all night, and he had been unable to get a wink of sleep. "I'll fix that, lad," said

Walter. "Just you swap with me tonight." When he came down next day looking thoroughly well-slept, his benefactor enquired how he'd done it. "Easy," said Harrison. "As soon as the light was off I leaned across and said, Come on Sir Jasper. give us cuddle'. He didn't snore

once." an is". But deriving an ought from an is frequently makes good sense. Smallweed fondly recalls a stroll with young Boris through an Alpine ravine, in the course of which hulking great rocks started tum-

bling down towards us. "This is a landslide!" cried Smallweed. "We ought to get out of the way!" "Nonsense" Boris retorted. "You are trying to derive an ought from an is." At which point -as Smallweed scuttled to safety — a nasty big boulder fell smack on the top of Boris's handsome young head. Which no doubt explains some of the curious views he now propagates.

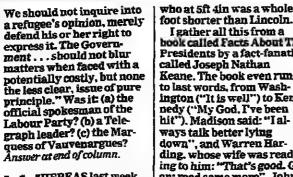
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express it. The Government ... should not blur official spokesman of the Labour Party? (b) a Tele-graph leader? (c) the Marquess of Vauvenargues? Answer at end of column.



Smallweed

HO DO YOU think said this about the case of Mohammed al-Mas'ari? "The right of asylum, if it is to mean anything, cannot depend on the commercial interest of the nation in which it is sought.



HEREAS last week he was forced to rely Adams, the second presion conjecture, Smallweed is now equipped with a list of the heights of

son still survives"; which all American presidents from Washington (6ft 2in) to him. Jefferson had died to Reagan (6ft lin). I have just before him. yet to get my hands on Bush or Clinton, but neither's a MALLWEED cannot midget. Of 41 office holders, Sign he saw over the 18 were six-footers, which is quite a lot of tall presidents. holidays outside a railway Just one failed to reach 5ft station. "The last train" it announced "will not run 6in during his term of

tonight." How could this

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office: this was Madison.

who at 5ft 4in was a whole ever be true? If, for example, the 11.45pm was canfoot shorter than Lincoln. celled, the 11.15pm which I gather all this from a preceded it would have book called Facts About The automatically become the Presidents by a fact-fanatic last train.

Keane. The book even runs There is none the less a glimmer of hope in this statement for the future of ington ("It is well") to Ken-nedy ("My God, I've been English cricket, which has suffered so badly in recent times from the failure of its number three batsmen (apart from Robin Smith in ding. whose wife was readthe first innings of the Test ing to him: "That's good. Go just ended) to score many on: read some more". John runs. The answer is clear: from now on, England dent, expired on July 4 with should take the field withthe words "Thomas Jefferout a number three batsman. If by "last train" the wasn't true, since unknown authorities really mean the last scheduled train, then "number three batsman" needs only to mean "sched uled number three batsman". A team sheet could then be provided listing at number three someone who couldn't possibly play -Emma Nicholson, perhaps,

or the Marguis of Vauvenargues. The subsequent announcement that England's number three bat would not after all be playing would allow number four to bat number three without this cloud hanging over him. It might even, who knows, be the saving of Mark Ramprakash.

C OMEONE who might Shave made number three in the present England team is P A Gibb, the tale of whose curious life in cricket and after is briefly told by Kit Bartlett in number 28 of the Associa tion of Cricket Statisticians and Historians' Famous Cricketers series (3 Radcliffe Road, West Bridgford. Notts, £4). Paul Gibb was a public school batsmanwicketkeeper who first caught the eye at Cambridge, where he missed four out of 12 terms by playing cricket abroad but made

sity match. Having had the good sense to be born in Yorkshire, he was called up in 1935 and made a hundred the first time he batted. Though unable to hold a place in the county side he was picked for the 1938-39 tour of South Africa, where opening the innings in the first Test because Hutton was injured, he made 93 and 106, and stayed in the side for the series.

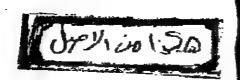
After the war, though again appearing only sporadically for his county, he played two Tests against India and went on the 1946-47 tour of Australia. Yet he then disappeared from the game, and worked for four years in a gentleman's out-fitters. Then in 1951, Essex, short of a wicketkeeper, searched him out and recruited him as a profes sional, and he kept his place in the side until 1955, the year of his 42nd birthday.

a century in the 1938 Var-Later he took up umpiring; later still he worked for a time in Harrods and then as a bus driver in Surrey(particularly, says Bartlett, on route 273. Guildford to Shamley Green). There he died quite suddenly, at the bus garage, while booking in for the early shift. What a melancholy story! And, what a shame that the great J L Carr never got to write a book on him.

LAN DELL (Small-Weed last week) dealt in big bands, not in Hundred Best Tunes: that was Alan Keith. I'm sorry, and thanks to all who've pointed it out.

N THE COURSE of some musings on Europe in Thursday's Telegraph, Boris Johnson condemned those who say that if EMU is inevitable. Britain needs to support it — "as though you could derive an ought from

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Martin Kettle

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débàcle of a century and a half ago?

There will certainly be no lack of suspects in this Tory whodwmnit. John Major, for hanging on too long? Michael Heseltine, for letting him? Or perhaps Michael Portillo, for essantly wounding without ever having the ability to ill? There is a case that each is the guilty man. But then, of course, there is also the guilty woman. In this

inquest, cherchez la femme leads irresistibly to the case against Margaret Thatcher, HEN they come to write the story of the collapse of the at the end of the 20th century whom 1990s revisionism no longer casts as a brilliantly innovative Tory leader - for that collapse now seems but increasingly as an ultimately disastrous one. Here too there will be a bulky historians blame in the same way they blamed Peel for the dossier.

I blame Ted Heath, and close behind him Willie Whitelaw. For if ever one poli-tician and his principal lieutenant got things disastrously wrong at a decisive moment, li was these two veterans in 1974. Twenty years on Heath and Whitelaw can now be seen as the true instigators of the implosion of liberal Toryism which has caused the Conserative Party's present march to the scaffold. If awards were given for political misjudgments with dire long term consequences, then Heath's decision not to

error. It meant that leftwing Tory alternatives to Heath were unable to declare themselves. It gave Thatcher the opportunity which she then so confidently seized. But if Heath was obstinate in hanging on. Whitelaw was also utterly misguided in encouraging him to do so. As the front-runner and easily the most probable leftwing successor in the mid-1970s, Whitelaw had a wider esponsibility to one-nation Toryism at this critical moment which he flunked, with catastrophic consequences for the ideas which he believes in to this day.

This may seem a rather distant and obscure episode to highlight at a time when the **Conservatives are hastening** towards their end without any ery significant contribution from either the 79-year-old Heath or the 77-year-old Whitelaw. But the logic of it is vitally important. We inevitably tend to blame the present predicament of the party on the lunacies and

But what about the failures of the Tory left? With honourable exceptions, pre-eminently Ian Gilmour and the embittered Heath, the traditional Tory left, which had dominated the **Conservative Party since the** second world war, rolled over and surrendared in the face of the right. In retrospect it is even more astonishing that such a well-placed and entrenched set of policies and politicians were so outman-ocuvred by the Thiatcherites. Yet between 1979 and 1983 the ideas and instincts which had sustained the party through long and successful periods in office proved useless. From time to time a senior minister — Walker. Pym, Heseltine, Patten would deliver a cryptic sigh of unhappiness about the dan-gers of social division, vulgar nationalism or excessive radicalism. But there was a com-

first to Heath and then to Heath's successor, above ideas and principles, so 20 years later the Tory left still continues to cringe rather than confront the destructive designs of the right. Part of the problem is still Heath himself, who even today is a looming and counter-productive pro-tagonist in party affairs. But where are the younger champions of social cohesion and the beneficent role of the state? At least Alan Howarth bravely argued his case before quitting, but Emma Nicholson ind many other liberal Tories like her are masters of not having the argument and thus losing it.

as Whitelaw put party loyalty.

know what to replace them with or how to do it. They delude themselves Y THIS same vard-Belief ront-line Conser-vative politician in into thinking that frustrating the right is the same as advancing the left, when pa-Britain today is Kenneth Clarke. As the most able libtently it is not. That was the great failing of the early wets

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because he has said so when

ever anyone asks him. But

The Chancellor has failed to

come up with a new story for post-Thatcher Toryism and to

build a regiment of allies who

When it comes to it, the

Tory left is just what Thatcher dubbed long ago "wet". They want a centre ground Tory

party dedicated to the consti-tution, the Union, benevolent

apitalism and Europe. But

they don't know how to get from here to there. Thatcher

ism undermined and to some extent destroyed those Tory

pillars, but the left does not

can drive him to the

leadership.

where is Clarke's alternative?

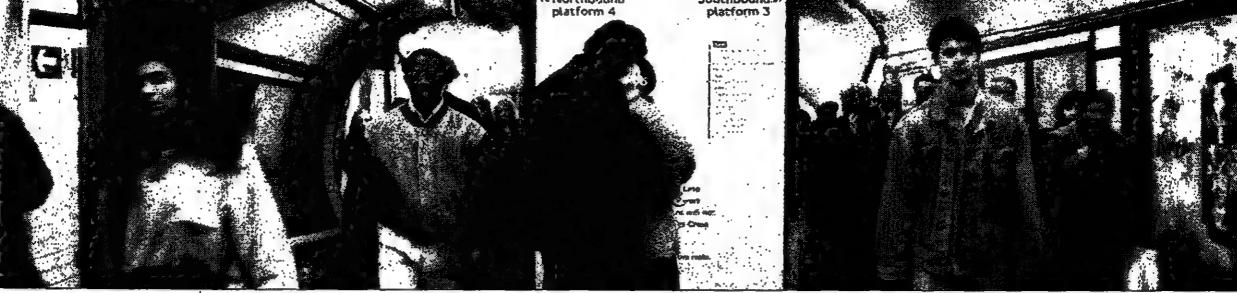
lised — yet Portillo is as much of a power as he ever was. The left has no one to touch him.

Whenever there is any test of strength the Tory left is be-reft of ideas, badly organised and incapable of resisting the destructive march of the right through the rank and file of

the party. Nowhere is this more obvious than on Europe, the issue which they always claim is their passion. No leftwing Tory seems capable of mounting a serious case on Europe any longer. Leftwing Toryism can rarely have been weaker intellectually.

A generation ago the Tory left commanded the support of great swathes of influential and intelligent opinion. It had resources, arguments, leaders and confidence. Today that is almost all gone. Its natural supporters have defected to Supporters have detected to Tony Blair, almost every one. Radical right Toryism has ended its pillage of the British institutions by the final irony. the destruction of the Conservative Party itself. But it has taken the acquiescence and ineptitude of the once great Tory left to let them do it.

resign the Conservative lead eral Tory of the generation after Heseltine, Clarke ought to have a project for ultiprehensive failure to sustain in the first Thatcher cabinet ership after his third defeat in and they paid the price. But it still happens today. The left and then to reconstruct a co-herent project for recapturing four contests with Harold Wilson, would be hard to beat. was delighted when Portillo was moved to Defence because the party. That failure stalks the colmately reuniting the party under his leadership. We Great effects flowed from that obsessions of the Tory right, obstanate and characteristic know he wants the top job, and not without good reason. apsing party to this day. Just they thought he was margina-Northbound Southbound.7 platform 4 platform 3



From morning kiss (above) to peak crush and late night clinch (below), GARY YOUNGE hits the Tube as Londoners face disruption and higher fares. Photographs: SEAN SMITH

lunnel vision



two professional actors on to the tube with two journalists and a photographer to act out ual harassment. At a given signal the journalists would interrupt to find out what people were thinking. Once, nobody intervened In the remaining five incidents, two people who went to aid the female victim were for-eign. Those who had looked

"He only went and killed himself didn't he." "Oh I don't know . . . I mean don't these people think about the drivers?" "Don't they think about the mess?" From 6pm until the very last Tube the average age of

"What?" said the other.

the traveller seems to drop by about five years every hour. Trains going into the centre are now full of pub and theatre-goers and people visit ing friends. Women have

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beneath the city

T IS a very strange place, London's Underground. Overcrowded, overpriced and underfunded; it is a metaphor for the nation's capital - a vast melting pot with the potential for lots of fun in interesting company: tramps who wet themselves: flirtatious encounters with complete strangers; a man who holds his breath between stops just to see if he can; the drunk basinessman who proectile-vomits over the sober pusinessman at about 11.30pm on the Piccadilly line, only to go back to sleep, ignorant of the chaos he has created. I spent a whole day on the Tube, from 5.30 one morning to 1.20 the next, only coming up occasionally for food and air, going all the way on the Bakerloo, looping the loop on the Circle and venturing down south on the Victoria. Take one of the first Northern line trains from south Lon-don and you will stare into the black faces and red eyes of Ni-

gerians and West Indians. Most are on their way to clean-ing and catering jobs in the City. A few will still be drifting in and out of sleep. Until about midday, most passengers can be categorised by their newspapers and clothes. Before about 7.30am everyone reading a paper — about a third — has a tabloid. Most are dressed casually (some with hobnail boots) or in a regulation polyester uni-form. After that if not in a suit and not male you are likely to be nudged and pushed around as though invisible. By about 8.15am everybody has a suit and usually a broadsheet

hands are experily applying lipstick. The smell of fresh aftarshave, perfume and de-odorant lingers. Travellers on all the lines — from the Cen-tral's well-beeled west London suburbanites and hardcore eastenders to the Piccadilly's tourists — are bracing them-selves for more than Joggling carriages. Tomorrow prices will jump by an average of 5 per cent, with the highest at around 14 per cent, with Lon-don Transport warning of fur-ther increases. And, it was an-nounced on Thursday. closures of sections of the

Bakerloo, Northern, East London and City & Waterloo services for essential work during some of next year. My six-zone one-day travel

card bought at Clapham Com-mon cost £3.80: a 30 per cent increase in real terms on 1984's cost, according to the Capital Transport Campaign a watchdog group. It is a daily reminder of why London is the most expensive capital in Europe for public transport and the third most expensive place in the world after New York and Tokyo, according to

the campaign's figures. The commuters disappear shortly after 10am, to be fol-. lowed by another wave, of people who jump in front of trains. A London Underground report says most ground report says most people who commit suicide in this way do it between 10am and 40m. The profile of the most likely jumper is a man between the age of 15 and 34, who jumps in the spring. For a while after noon most transitiers are turnists and situ travellers are tourists and stu-dents — young people in jeans and trainers carrying books. Most are seated and reading. Talk is conducted in husbed

tones. Around three o'clock this tranquillity is shattered as children leaving school turn the Tube into a rolling, subterraneau adventure play ground. They jump between carriages, show off new dance steps, swing from the handrails and scream profanities at each other. Everyone over 17 winces then tries another

carriage. A group of girls, all lap and describe in detail the about 14, offer a chilling in-sight into the random and arbitrary nature of adolescent cruelty when they verbally as-sault a young Asian man in his wenties. One of them started: "My friend fancies you." Left there it would have been a bit of a giggle. But she went on to try to push her friend on to his

type of sexual favours she could perform. The man sat for two stops, petrified and clearly praying that the next stop would be theirs. He finally changed carriage. Pleased with their tyranny the girls laughed and looked about for another victim. I was the only other person in

the carriage. Fortunately, a boy from the same school got his head caught in the doors, which diverted their atten-tion. I wonder what it would take to make Tube travellers iwan to see hot the travellers jump to each other's rescue. It is a question that was partly answered earlier this year when the London Eve-ning Standard newspaper sent

on gave excuses such as "If I had got involved he might have started threatening me," and 'It's not my business, but I felt embarrassed for her." One woman said: "I just wanted him to stop talking People should not talk on the Tube. It was stopping me from reading my paper." Little wonder that the num-ber of indecent assaults has

increased by 300 per cent in the past 10 years, even if as-saults on passengers and staff have dropped by about 40 per

Shortly after four I came up for air and literally bumped into Matthew, who was begging until the police moved him on. Matthew had failen through the increasingly large holes in Britain's social safety net and landed in King's

Cross. "Wankers," he said of the police who were still standing right behind him. "And they're usually all right, you know. I don't know why they're like that today. I don't understand what I've done to make them move me on. Nevel mind, I'm quite happy really. I just managed to get to the hos-tel and get my stuff out." He showed me a large black bin bag of his belongings. He had left them in a homeless persons' hostel four months ago. Since then he had mostly been vearing the same clothe "I really needed to change my trousers; I had to wear the last pair for six weeks run-ning," he said and dug out some denims that once ressembled trousers. They were rancid, caked with blood, hardened grime and stinking of urine and stale, stale sweat

which together reached a new dimension in bad smells. I let him get back to work. It is 5pm. The "suits" are coming back but this time

they look very different. The rush is far less intense. They are still impatient but, with no deadline for getting home, they are far less anxious. For the first time in the day lots of people are talking. On the way to Epping Fores

on the Central line are two middle-aged women, bags on laps. "You'll never guess what some idiot did last week?" said one.

started to wear make-up again, more and more people are travelling in couples — a few are kissing, and with alcohol there is a lot of animated chatting. The handful who are

saying a word. Tubes heading for the suburbs are ferrying the "suits" home after a few drinks. As the evening goes on those on their own, mostly men, will nod off and then jump up with fear in their bloodshot eyes that they have missed their stop.

ACK in the centre. the clubbers are coming. It is the middle of winter yet one man has a thick coat over a pair of tight leather shorts which look sprayed on. One woman is in pinstripe shorts, black tights and a leop-ard-skin top hat. Things are reasonably quiet until suddenly the madness of

the licensing laws takes effect

Tottenham Court Road a few men who think they are singing are shouting obscenities which prompts an exodus of women and makes everybody else nervous. An announcement on the tannoy, difficult to decipher, says the naxt train has been delayed. "The driver is a wanker," chant the two drunks. Another man drop kicks the

chocolate machine. A few couples near me who have been waiting for some time, decide they will brave the cold and try to get a bus instead.

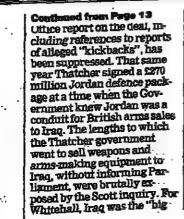
By 12.80am the clubbers are dancing and the suits are in bed, leaving only a smattering of night-shift workers and those who have found a bar with a late licence or have been visiting friends. It is 1.20am. Two people in

my carriage are reading the early editions of the next day's papers while the others are snoozing. Nobody says a word. In just over four hours it will start all over again.

The cost of our arms

newspaper. A few women who have

seats, compacts and steady



prize", one that could not be ignored despite Saddam Hussein's grotesque abuse of human rights, including the gassing of Iraqi Kurds. "I doubt if there is any future market of such a scale anywhere where the UK is po tentially so well placed if we play our diplomatic hand cor-rectly, nor can I think of any major market where the importance of diplomacy is 50 great on our commercial position," William Waldegrave noted when he was Foreign Office minister in 1989. Waldegrave later told the

Scott inquiry that Britain was one of the world's biggest arms exporters. He added: "There is in this country a cer-tain ambivalence...People want the jobs but they do not always want to think about them. Whenever Mrs Thatcher [sic] or Mr Major comes back, having batted for Britain and won a great deal, everyone says 'Hooray!' They are heroes on the front

page." It was a point not lost on Labour MPs who are acutely aware that it is easy to shout about the immorality of arms

deals, but not so easy to see the jobs of their constituents being threatened Labour's front bench has recently begun to address itself more oci to eucai ent of ylauoiree conversion, away from the arms industry. "No other sector of UK in-

dustry is as successful in the international market place" than arms, said Roger Freeman, the public service minis ter, when he was minister for defence procurement last year. Yet the World Development Movement, a leading Third World campaigning

group, has uncarthed a huge undeclared bill paid by British taxpayers for British weapons exported to countries which are either rich or have an appalling human rights record. and sometimes both.

It found that at least £384 million a year — a fifth of the total value of British arms exports - is paid by the British taxpayer, not by foreign gov-ernments buying the weapons. In each of the five the Middle East, notably Kuyears up to 1995, the Export Credits Guarantee Departaccording to the ECGD's latest ment (ECGD) had to pay out some £250 million to foot the annual report. Saudi Arabia

bill for unpaid arms sales. The figures question the Government's claim that arms exports sustain 100,000 jobs in an industry which — despite the MoD's rhetoric -- over the past decade has accounted for only 1.7 per cent of total British average annual exports. Sixty per cent of ECGD guarantees devoted to arms sales were accounted for by

wait, Oman and Saudi Arabia

in 1994 was top of the table for

ECGD business, and is now in second place after China. In 1989, Britain agreed to a £450 million export credit allocation to cover arms sales to Saudi Arabia — the biggest ever recorded for arms to one country in any one year.

A Tory MP warned yesterday of the dangers of being so beholden to one particular country, or even regime, as he recalled Britain's investment in the Shah of Iran before he was overthrown in 1979. "In the end," he said, "you make it worse for yourself.



16 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Is a bypass Millennium Basin

a dead end?

WAS delighted to see that the Guardian now accepts there is only one argument against the Newbury bypass which you believe has any weight (Protest branches out, G2, January 2). This is that, according to Friends of the Earth, "most of the traffic is local" and "the bypass will at first have only a marginal effect, and by 2002 traffic levels will be back to where they are now." Friends of the Earth base

this argument on surveys which they admit were car-ried out before the M40 extension from Oxford to Birming ham was built. Anyone who has lived in Newbury knows what a huge difference it made. Many more long-distance lorry-drivers then de-cided that the road through the centre of our town had sud denly become the preferable route.

Moreover, even Friends of the Earth's own graphs show that traffic will drop by a third immediately after the bypass is built. Most of this fall-off is HGVs, whose pollutant effect (noise, fumes per mile, road space taken up, etc) is three to five times that of a car. The bypass will therefore remove least 50 per cent of the pollution suffered by Newbury. The remaining vehicles, no longer stuck in Newbury's notorious traffic jams, will themselves produce far less pollution. David Rendel MP. Co-chairman, Newbury Bypass Forum, House of Commons, London SW1A OAA

IGHWAYS Agancy figures show that with predicted traffic growth, and because Newbury's traffic is predominantly local, a bypass will

Memories of the troubles

oupils. RGaest

Riverdale Park

PRESUME that Deirdre Boden (Letters, January 4) will also blame the criminal gang wars in Dublin, reported in th same issue, on folk memories of British wrongdoings. I too have "living memories

of being a terrifled child in the early 1940s with bombs raining round me and school frienda and neighbours being blown to bits, and I remember, at a younger age, overhearing various uncles' stories of atrocities on the Western Front in 1914-

reduce congestion in the centre for, at most, nine years. The best solution, both financially and environmentally, is to tackle traffic congestion directly.

Oxford successfully prevented a bypass across Christ-Church meadow through the introduction of bus lanes. park and rides, etc. This alter native needs to be grasped now before this national treasure of our landscape is burled beneath tarmac. Andrew Morgan. 163 Kingston Road, Oxford

HE Battle of Newbury raises fundamental que tions about national transport and road policy. What is national transport policy? What national object tive does the Newbury bypase serve? Is it more important than solving severe local problems by other methods, as will now be done at Norwich? How can public transport reduce Newbury's local traffic problems? fony Howell. Transport Group, Bristol Civic Society, 85 Cromwell Road. Bristol BS6 5EX.

HE answer for Newbury and the rest of the country is to begin implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commis-KNOWS? DAMN sion on Environmental Pollution. Its recommenda WOMAN REFUSED tions offer long-term solutions for a sustainable transport TOTELL ME!

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policy to benefit us all and future generations. The report is usually available in ocal libraries. Malcolm Dunn. 21 Wyvern Road. Sutton Coldfield. West Midlands B74 2PS.

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Patients, plays A prisoner on our conscience and Parliament

DURING a drive to cut wait-ing lists in the North-west HE case of Dr Mohammed al-Mas'ari (Giving last year (Ministers seek NHS coop after blitz on waiting in to blackmail. Janutry 5) demonstrates just how lists, January 5), a friend, who hollow the UK Government's is a consultant dermatologist, was amazed to find a urologist often stated commitment to its obligations under the 1951 installed in the dermatology **UN Convention on Refugees** clinic and seeing patients with really is. skin complaints requiring Dr al-Mas'ari and his specialist attention. Good to know everybody's mucking in Caroline Matheson.

organisation, the Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights (CDLR) are known to Ammesty International. In its 1994 annual report, Amnesty International documented A DRIAN Noble (Realising a dream, January 3) is spot on: "We don't go to the theatre the arrest and detention of over 20 members of the CDLR in Saudi Arabia, who are con-

cedent, whereby trading con-cerns override the need for consideration of an asylum claim, will be overturned in the High Court. Jan Shaw. Refugee Officer.

Amnesty International, 99-119 Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4RE.

WONDER whether the Conservatives yet realise how tangerous a procedent they have set by agreeing to Saudi requests to deport Dr al-Maari? If, after the next election, a British Prime Minister of a different political complexion were to require, say to do that — it's called Saudi

the government of Australia

to deport "that little creep

Portillo for making tiresom political speeches, "would British Conservatives now

have any legitimate grounds

for protest? What people are allowed to

do in this country is a matter

of national sovereignty. If Mr Major does not understand

this, he risks being portrayed

as."Monsieur Oul — the robot of Riyadh."

DRMAS'ARI is being refused asylum in this

country on account of his po-

litical activities - the very

Lord Russell House of Lords

London SWIA 0AA.

things which make him a refugee. But if he were not politically active, he would not be granted asylum either. cause it would be said by the Home Office that he was not in danger. Exactly what is a person supposed to do to get asylum here? Sam Mackenzie. 17 The Polygon. London SW4.

So now it's all becoming clear: the Tory right don't want Brussels to decide how we should run our country be cause we already have yet another unaccountable quango

Arabia.

Llanbevis,

Andy Newton.

Goodman Street,

Gwynedd LL56 4HL.

A MI alone in congratulat-ing the House of Saud for

demonstrating how easy it is to influence Her Majesty's

Government? The Saudis

only managed to extract an

sion? Cheap at the price, I

hear Fahad mutter. Khalid Haneef.

The Netherlands.

G van lisetsteinstraat, 1082 KJ Amsterdam,

apology over Death Of A Prin

YOUR leader writer's de-scription (January 5) of the Saudi opposition leader as a "fundamentalist" is simplistic and requires qualification, although you are right to point out that the current regime in Riyadh is itself Aundamentalist, administering Sharia law in an entirely arbitrary way. Mohammed al-Mas'ari is fighting for an elected and ac-country for an elected and ac-country, renamed Arabia, to signify its release from the

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judiciary, a free and uncor-rupted press, freedom of

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speech and assembly, de-

family bondage of the Al-Sauds. This new government would be elected by universal

THE media picture of the young mother-to-be from Holloway chained to the bed with a toddler in her lap, which Emma Nicholson says brought ber face-to-face with per dilemma as a Tory MP. reminds the that it was the Government, of which she was then content to be a supporter, that is responsible for this sad state of affairs. Emma Nicholson voted for VAT on fuel and power for do mestic and charity use. She also voted for the poll tax, which charged working and unwaged wives full tax, a tax on marriage (or reduction of

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18. Yet do I hate the current generation of Germans and blame them for all our ills? Of course I don't. P Clarke. Becket Gardens Welwyn, Herts AL69JE.

ALTHOUGH equating the Black and Tans' actions se balancing out IRA murders is pretty sick, Deirdre Boden is right about one thing: the absence of any meaningful teach-ing of Irish history in the Brit-ish education system. English pupils in my time were given the impression that England and Ireland were friends. This was not deliberate deception by our teachers; simply proof that Belfast BT1 2GE.

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doesn't understand that helping yourself can be at the expense of others. Don't be like John - gut

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away by such euphemisms as "learned behaviour". see it." It's called the Theatre Eoin O'Neachtain. Bloemfontein Road London W127BX YOU suggest (Who's calling the toon?, January 4) that the Irish News was "once closely associated with republican politics" This is untrue: throughout its 140-year history, this newspaper has consis-tently supported constitutional nationalism and condemned all forms of violence. Noel Doran. Deputy Editor, Irish News.

of Gawping, Kiddies do it "Oh look! A helicopter's coming on to the stage..." And when he goes on to observe that

Shakespeare may have meant his plays for empty stages, but it's daft to suggest that is how they should be per-formed today", he's spot on again. It is daft. What, just actors and text? Daft. Plain daft. Good for you, Adrian. You've said it plain. That's why you're head of the RSC: be-cause you tell it like it is. Oh what a laddie you are, you are. I'd let you do my plays on a stage that wasn't empty. I would. I'd let you do them with a zing a bing a bang and drums galore. Honest. New Internationalist magazine Arnold Wesker. Hay on Wye, Bernford HRJ 5RJ. John doesn't get it

145 Victoria Road,

Cambridge CB4 SBU.

WAS cheered to read that Gordon McGregor turned down a CBE (Letters, Januar 3) on the grounds that such titles "entrench the unneces-sary sense of class and hierarchy which so inhibits and div ides our British society". Bravo! I assume that signing himself "Emeritus Professor of Education at the University of Leeds" instead of "retired" was a typographical error. Patrick Kewell 7 Marson Road Clevedon, Avon BS21 7NN.

HAVE often wished we had an annual list of those who refused honours. Mary Campbell. 4 Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh EH91HE.

TIS surprising that Geoff Hoon MP (Letters, January 4) has not realised that debates on issues such as copyright extension should take place before EU directives are ed. To complain about a lack of debate when the Government implements a directive into UK law shows a lack of understanding as to how the directives operate. Mr Hoon should have been making his concerns known three years ago. Adam Rose Solicitor, Paisner & Co, 154 Fleet Street,

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oday to hear a play, we go to sidered to be prisoners o conscience.

> Amongst them was Mohammed al-Mas'ari, apokesperso of the CDLR, who was held incommunicado, without charge or trial from May to September 1993. The 1995 Annesty report

states that the banned CDLR transferred its headquarters to London in April 1994 following the release of 20 of its supporters at the end of 1993. Among them was Dr al-Mas'ari, the spokesperson who fled Saudi Arabia and sought asylum in the UK.

By refusing to consider Dr il-Mas'ari's claim for asylum in this country, the UK is abdicating its responsibilities. It is to be hoped that this pre-

Britpop survivor takes revenge

BEL Pintan thinks Pulp's Jarvis Cocker is a bit of an old sexist, does she (Letters, January 3 and 4)? His women fools and victims? I think not. The woman on Common People is a silly, patronising social abseiler, victim only of her preconceptions. Other songs include a revenge fantasy and a poignant homage t lost lust. In Disco 2000, it seems that Deborah never no-ticed him at all. Hardly victim mentality. Perhaps Bel should enlarge the lyrics on the CD booklet and have a proper look at them. Ingrid Perrin. 3 Arbuthnot Rd. London SE14.

ARVIS Cocker speaks with the voice of the common people to tear down stereotypes. By shifting his focus. and using irony to underline his concerns, he explores per ceptions of class and cender and challenges us to do the TUTUE. This is not a romantic voice

but hard-hitting and raw, and not always comfortable to lisen to, especially if we are use to the victim's role. He chalenges us to "survive" however we can, and we hear the angry voice of a survivor taking revenge. G and C Ford (over 40). 290 Ombersley Road. Worcester WR3 7HD.

It's time for a civil inquiry into uncivil behaviour

MAY I. as a former First Civil Service Commissioner, add my voice to the concern expressed by Lord Bancroft (An ethos up for sale December 20) about the decision of the Government to sell off Whitehall's Recruitment and Assessment Services? I, and many other people I know, have been extremely worried about the changes brought about in the Civil Service. Whether one approves of these changes or not, it is, I imagine, common ground that they affect the fundamental structure and ethos of the Civil Service. This has been done without legislation and, in consequence, without parliamentary scrutiny; and I doubt whether there is any wide ap-

preciation of the very serious mplications. At one time, we had a Civil Service which was much respected throughout the world. I wonder how long this will remain so? Now a further safeguard is being removed. The First Civil

Service Commissioner is appointed by the Queen to en-sure that there is, in public

appointments, fair and open competition and selection on merst. This is to achieve two objectives: it ensures that only the most meritorious among those applying are chosen from the public service and that nepotism is kept at bay. Those objectives have be achieved over the years. If fair and open competition, in the hands of private-sector recruitment agencies, were to be set aside by accident or de-Oxford. sign. I am sure that we should be told that cheaper and supposedly more "efficient" methods of selection had been introduced and that suitable

supervisory arrangements have been put in place to ensure that selection was appropriately arranged.

I should find it very hard to accept such assurances. The plain fact is that private-sector methods and the publicservice ethos cannot be reconciled in the recruitment process. I fear for the public service in the light of recent worrying cases which indi-

cate a deterioration in the pub lic-service ethos The selling-off of the

missioning of fishing vessels is Recruitment and Assessment Service is likely to accelerate this disturbing trend. The only hope now is that the Govcrnment will reverse their decision

bate on fisheries policy on

December 19. Perhaps I can

help unravel the difficulties

Firstly, there is no contra-

this debate.

Would it be presumptuous of me to suggest that we need a new Northcote-Trevelyan inquiry? D J Trevelyan. Principal, Mansfield College,

SIR John Herberg's letter (December 27) stated that Lord Bancroft's article had not attracted the attention it deserved. I suspect that many civil servants would have liked to comment on it but feared to do so publicly, particularly in print, in case they have their cards marked.

Like an old-style totalitar ian state which it so closely resembles, the Civil Service does not allow its employees criticise it. Most corrupt regimes destroy themselves. The Civil Service is in its death throes. Let us hope it will not be too long dying. Name and address supplied.

country's produce and sup-porting a new and fairer incess, but they have outdone ternational order. To me, as a western Socialthemselves over Dr Mas'ari. What price freedom of expres ist, that sounds like a "fundamentalist" programme i can go along with. George Galloway MP. House of Commo London SW1A 0AA A SPETER Preston (A net loss on the catch of the day, no panacea, the UK fisher men's organisations cam-paigned alongside Labour for a December 29) rightly suggests, there are too many fishing ves-sels chasing too few fish, and decommissioning scheme to help match fishing effort with the priority of fisherles policy fish stocks. The UK Governmust be to redress this imbal-ance. I said nothing to the conment was rightly criticised last month by Fisheries Comtrary during the Commons demissioner Emma Bonino for its inadequate measures to reduce fishing capacity. Secondly, I chose to "bang on" about the new fishing ac-Peter Preston had in under-standing Labour's approach to cess to the waters to the west o the UK because important stocks there are already under diction between "a stouter de-fence of the British fishing ingreat pressure. It cannot be wise to allow increased fishing effort in these waters. Judging from his commentary, Mr Preston must agree. The fact dustry" and "a faster run down of its boats". Whilst the decom-

A Country Diary

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE:

mystery", neither north nor

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ter contains some of the wild-

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the southern Pennines. To quote Thorold again: "Here,

London and the outside world

seem 1,000 miles away." On a

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scudded from the west - that

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Brook comes down to the

Dane - everything looked even blacker than usual.

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the married persons' tax -and is committed to ending allowance) whereby the husband paid two full poll taxes. ment of the country by the unelected leaders in Riyadh, The injustice of a Conservative Government was recognisable then. eign (largely American) mili-Andrew Jessop. tary forces, introducing free 229 Russeli Court, trade unions, an independent Woburn Place ondon WC1H OND.

ALAN Howarth claims (Jan-uary 4) that John Major hung on to the leadership by the narrowest of margins". What value therefore can be placed on the rest of his political analysis? Gerald Hartup. Director. The Freedom Association. 35 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

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Why the Tories Euro fishing trip failed

that the Government could not secure the support of just two other member states in the Council of Fisheries Ministers to block this access marked a

dreadful negotiating failure. This is a price of the Govern-ment's isolation in Europe. Dr Gavin Strang MP. Shadow Minister of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Letters to the Editor may be

laxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent by post to 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER, and by e-mail to letters@guardian.co.uk. We may edit them for clarity and concision.

----country of scattered hill-As Henry Thorold once wrote: "Staffordshire remains a farms and cottages that, from afar, give the impression of squatters' territory. The dispossessed who were sufficiently robust (and other hardy souls) seem to have settled here on unproductive, acid ground with their ramshackle roofs in those scudding, winter clouds, A distant prospect still gives the impression of scattered, haphazard settlement.

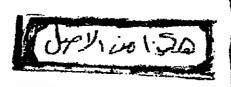
So up we came, to the top of Oliver Mill, distinguished as Staffordshire's loftiest spot. The heather moors clothing the western side of Axe Edge Out there towards the southwest we could make out the drab basin of Goldsitch Moss - not hard to imagine it as the productive little coalfield that it once was.

There were about 15 workings to give employment and ing Axe Edge's crest, dispensfuel to the locals for some years, keepinp them from the penury their sterile land would otherwise have imposed. Goldsitch is not the loveliest place on a cloudy, midwinter's day so we kept fered. Coming south off Axe Edge we entered that strange

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Paul Verhoeven's Showgirls has been panned as a skin flick. JONATHAN ROMNEY hears how he dreams of making a film about Jesus

A basic instinct to shock

ITTING in a London hotel, Paul Verhoeven is explaining the importance of risk. "I don't think you really live if you protect yourself. To go for safe is the death of any artist." As if on cue, the fire alarm sounds in the corridor. It turns out that this is not just a drill step out on to the stair well and you can actually smell burng from downstairs. Verhoeven's face glows with delight. "We should be stiting here while the fire goes on -that would give the interview the feeling of threat!" In fact the interview is

altogether free of threat. which, considering the circumstances, might not have been the case at all. Verhoeven is here to promote his new film Showgirls, which was received in the US with more universal loathing and derision than any in recent memory. Moralists have attacked it because they feel its full-frontal tableau of sleaze among the strippers and lap dancers of Las Vegas is too shocking. Feminists and liberals hate its misogyny. Variety called it "impossibly vulgar, tawdry and coarse . . . akin to being keelhauled in a

Most directors, faced with the prospect of promoting such a battle-scarred product - especially when it's already. bitten the dust at the US boxoffice --- get defensive, and give clear signs that they're liable to turn nasty at the wrong question. But Verhoeven is jovial, to say the least. He's large, baggy and grey-baired, like a loud, sympathetic PE teacher. You agine he's one of those

Ireland; in Britain, it's a certificate 18. with 15 seconds trimmed from a rape scene. In France, however, it's released uncut, rated 12. "This is sup-posed to be the Common Market, isn't it?" Verhoeven fumes. "It's easier apparently to have a common coin than a common moral value — isn't it?' But Showgirls is less shocking for its content than for its bludgeoning \$39 million crass ness. "If you call it lowbrow, it's basically because it's about blue collar people, ian't it?" he says. "These are people

with no education, with a very small vocabulary. They are not the prototype of the intellectual sophisticated people who normally walk through our movies.'

In fact, the main accusation is lowbrow as in tacky: it's a film with no convincing characters, no convincing performances, and a clanking script It's got feathers in its he iron in its soul and lead in its crotchless pants. Unless, of course, we're simply missing something? Verhoeven think We are.

'I'd have shown Kyle McLachlan with an erection if he would have

done it. I offered him a digital one. But he refused'

"I thought I was giving a portrayal of corrupted society. It's a kind of apocalyptic landscape, where everybody is betraying each other, where everybody is more evil than

good, and the only decent

In my movies, in my Dutch work, so I'm the last person you should accuse of being one-sided. I would have shown Kyle McLachlan with an erection if he would have done it, just for the sake of reality. I offered him a digital erection He refused. It's in his contract that it wouldn't be done. Maybe so, but the sex is a moot point. The film relentlessly plies you with hip-thrusting and hot looks, with all the subtlety of a lap dancer grinding into your crotch while yelling "Come, damn you, come!" Yet the film is stridently unsexy. That's the point exactly, Verhoeven says. "It was not my intention to make an erotic movie. The theme of the movie is the use

and abuse of sex. The sex scenes are not erotic at all. But that was used against the movie — people were pissed off that they didn't get an prection. "I don't think it says

anything against the movie, it says something about the publicity. They were advertising on the sports pages, suggest-ing that this was a peep show, and that you should go in with your raincost" (a recent Viz comic carries an ad for the film with the slogan "Phwocoarl"). "People have been pushing the wrong buttons, basically.' This seems disingenuous. If

Varhoeven wanted to make a film that didn't sall itself on sex, he wouldn't have gone for an astronomical nipple-count, or such a brazen come on of a title. In fact, he needn't have bothered with nudity at all. He could have done something like Atom Egoyan's rather more discreet table-dancing drama Exotica, which was

considerably more erotic, and psychologically incisive. That's a dishonest movie,

Verhoeven says. "It's not

showing the sleaze and just



IERVIEW

Photograph: FRANK MARTIN

film-maker, Verhoeven is more American than the Americans - a quality which made his first US film, Robo-Cop, so powerful, with its trenchant view of the American media inferno. Verhoeven claims to be still "European re-programmed": "When I went to the United States, I was 47. I think I will never be American - my kids will be and 1 won't. My attitude will always be a bit European, with an American surface. But I don't know how deep that surface goes. I don't identify with Vietnam, or the Kennedys or Nixon or whatever, that's not my world, I'll always look at it in an alienated way."

Verhoeven altogether seems a ripe candidate for alienation — Hollywood's brashest specialist in blockbusters. he refers in inter-views to Heidegger and Jung, has a PhD in maths and physics from the University of eiden, and only reached the States after a Dutch career spanning 25 years. There's also a very unHollywood religious streak in his imagination, most notably in RoboCop, which he has described as a Christ-like story of resurrection. It's per haps this aspect that gives even Verhoeven's most genre based films their apocalyptic

edge. At 28, he says, he went through a brief phase of Pentscostal fervour. "I started to lose control of my brains, feeling that they might be blown away by this whole thing. I've often thought that my tendency to realism since then is based on the fact that I wanted to keep my feet on the ground and build up a barrier to subconscious intrusion." Verhoeven still attends meetings of an American group called the Jesus Seminar, which claims to study the historical facts about Jesus; it's research towards a film he's long bee planning. But that will have to be after

his sci-fi project Starship Troopers, and then perhaps a low-budget version of Charles Bukowski's novel, Women. 'It's all about fucking, isn't it. Forty women. We might reduce it to 10. It would be the ultimate 18 cert hard porno art flick.'

After that. Verhoeven will probably need a Jesus film to appease America's moral right. But that won't happen with the realist one that he's

After a decade in Hollywood, he still has a full Dutch accent and verbal tics to match, like the occasional dropped-in "isn't it?". He puts up an ener-getic defence of the film, but given that he has a hard sell to do, he's as frank as he can be. "You have to be a bit philo-

directors who like to give

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sophical about the perception of your work at the moment it arrives on the market. It could be the fault of the movie or it could be the fault of the perception, or it might be both that would probably be the fair statement. One thing he is visibly

indignant about is censorship. Showgirls has been banned in

person in the movie is pun-ished for her decency by being trying to be artistic. I protes against that. I'm a realist. I'm not selling it but showing it. If raped." Plausible enough. Then why does the film look like a I'd wanted to sell it, then I would never have created this hysterical soft-porn melowome never nave creater this nasty, negative, backstabbing lying, cheating character of Nomi (the lead role, played by Elizabeth Berkley). That's drama? Verhoeven thinks it's all to do with perception. "I don't think anybody understood what the movie was about, because they were so going against every convendistracted by the tits. I doubt they ever looked at the faces of tion. People want a fucking whore, and then they want the actors." He vehemently denies the

her to have a good heart." All that, of course, does make Nomi remarkably difficult to accusation that Showgirls is empathise with. "So's Lady Macbeth," Verhoeven says. just a flesh show for the lads. 'T'm the only director in the world who has used erections Maybe so, but Lady Mac-

beth was never played by Elizact. She did the character the sbeth Berkley, previously known for TV roles in teen way it was written. The psysitcom Saved By The Bell and the inevitable Baywatch. She has universally been attacked as the film's weak link; within a few days of its opening. she was dropped by all-power ful Hollywood agency CAA. Her one note repertoire of sulks and pouts is appalling, although there's no denying she's a dynamic dancer. "If you read the US papers, she cannot dance and she cannot

chotic behavior she displays is in the script and it was pushed by me. If it's bad act ng, then it's because it's badly written and badly directed." The film's in-your-face barshness is what you expect from him. It hardly makes for demystification of Vegas flash, but Verhoeven intended

murderous bisexual. Back in the feeling to be forbidding. "I feel it should not always be 1980, Spetters, about bike pleasing, it shouldn't try to entertain in the conventional

way. It can also entertain by tion of a body called NASA --shock — irritate and push National Anti-Spetters

pleasing reality." Verhoeven has never

people away. The general tone of the movie is that of a non-Action. "That's my character, I like to challenge, I like to throw things in the face of the bings in the face of the people, see how they react. Making people upset, being subversive, bolding a dark mirror in front of us. Movies bothered much about pleasing people. His last major scandal was Basic Instinct, barracked by lesbian and gay lobbies in the States because Sharon Stone's character was a

are mostly living in fantasy lands. I don't want to go and see a movie and come out and be the same person." By now, it's something of a

gangs, so upset the Dutch pub-lic that it caused the formacommonplace to say that as a

planning More likely, it will allow him to indulge his sense of risk to the full. 'It might be walking over the edge. If I feel it has to be made I'll do it, but i might have to live in Europe for some time, Holland or England. They might protect me okay here. They did with Rushdie."

Showgirls is released on Friday January 19. The Netional Film Theatre's Verhoeven retrospective continues throughout January. An Omnibus film on his work is screened on Monday at 10.45pm on BBC1.

Into the maelstrom — with a male

Men who need to talk find it easier to talk to other chaps - don't they? EDWARD PILKINGTON gets things off his chest and finds male bonding may be best after all

M DESPERATE. My marriage appears in termi-nal decline. My wife is forever berating me for withholding my feelings and for devoting myself to football and beer. My liver feels as though it's got the mumps. And to cap it all, my female boss has been learning on strong" at the "coming on strong" at the office and, I have to admit, she's very attractive and I'm sorely tempted.

A glimmer of hope amid the emotional maelstrom came this week, just in time. Help was at hand, we were told, in the form of counselling --male counselling to be precise. A campaigning group, the British Men's Counselling Association, declared that the best thing for screwed-up males was to speak to another man, trained to offer guidance and support.

The group's head, Andrew Marshall, who has worked for the marriage guidance service Relate for 10 years, said male counsellers could equate more easily with the internal anguish of other men than the women counsellors who over whelmingly dominate his profession.

That sounded a sensible approach, and prompted a flick through the Yellow Pages. Its list of counselling services contained what appeared to be the perfect instant solution — a doctor practising in north London who specialises in short-term advice on relationship problems The "short-term" element sounded especially appealing - the thought of dragging out the torment, deliberating end-lessly on the minutize of my contorted emotions, induced

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nothing but dread. When I telephoned the clinic I was greeted by a deep, rich bass voice of eastern European extraction that had the reassuring certainty of being male. Here was a man who would understand intuitively my insatiable attractiveness to, and attraction for, the opwrote that my marriage was in posite sex, and the almost terminal decline with no furequally intense allure of ther comment, it would indeed Tetleys bitter. be terminated for thwith -

Imagine the shock, then, when the clinic door opened in and not by me. If I allowed the the bleary-eyed early hours of yesterday morning. The voice was fine — as darkly textured as it had been on the phone statement to stand that a female Guardian editor for whom I write had sexual designs on me, my career in and at least a couple of octaves below mine. The problem is journalism would rapidly proceed in the same direction.

The truth is, my marriage is thriving and all my bosses --of either sex - appear singularly immune to my charms. I have been to the odd football match at Arsenal (odd being the operative word) and I have been known to drink excessive quantities of beer, albeit at ir-regular intervals. Denial perhaps, but I don't perceive myself as being an obvious candidate for counselling. None of that alters the fact that there I was on the doorstep, confronted by a deep-voiced Eastern European woman wanting to know all about my fake — though she was not to know that — prob-lems. The first few minutes were what one calls in the jargon of psychobabble "uncom-fortable". In plain English, I was writhing in my seat and would have paid far more than the arguably extravagant fee of £55 to be anywhere else. But then something very

strange happened. The con-versation changed tack, adopting a path very reminiscent of two men chatting over those proverbial pints of beer in a pub What do you feel about

your female boss? Do you love her or are you just infatuated? What if you were to enter into an affair with her, wouldn't it be fun?" the counsellor asked. Her sage suggestion, uttered towards the end of the 50minute session, was that I should take my boss out for a drink and talk to her about what was going on between us "Then if you still succumb to her attentions, at least you've salvaged your conscience. That may sound devious but it's not.'

After that heady advice — worthy of one's best, most unreconstructed Arsenalsupporting mate - I felt I really was in need of counselling from a genuine man. But the confusion only deep-

ened when I took the same fabricated dilemme to a male counsellor a few hours later. He took me back to my early years and focused on my relationship with my father, explaining that having a male in the parenting role of counsellor often helped men in states of emotional confusion heal what he called their father wound". He suggested how my inability to deal with the advances of my boss might have something to do with the fact that adults in positions of responsibility over me still posed a problem, as a hangover from the trauma of my childbood

In contrast to the sharp. puzzle-solving approach of the woman counsellor, he delved into my inner self. He forced me to confront my feelings and contradictions. In short, he behaved just like a woman. The contrast between the two counsellors — so contrary to their gender stereotypes — was even more apparent with their demeanours. The wom-an sat back as we discussed my problems and had a rather detached air, as though she were perusing the mess of my life from a great height. You could imagine her sipping that pint of Tetleys and exclaiming: "Cor, Paul Merson didn't half score two

great goals against QPR on Boxing Day." The man, on the other hand, leant forward in his seat and gave me caring, sharing glances as though he were craddling me in his arms with looks alone. By the end of his session --- a mere snip at £35

I could have told him everything, as indeed I did. I couldn't help it. It just come pouring out in one great swoosh: Father. Childhood. Marriage. Boss. Arsenal. Beer. But I'm not sharing any of that with you. It's strictly private.

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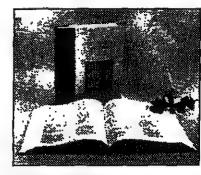
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that it was produced by a chest that unmistakeably belonged to a woman. "Come inside, tell me all about your problems," she said. Before this confessional goes further, an official Guardian health warning must be issued. A warning, that is, about my health. If I



18 ARTS

The Amritsar Massacre in 1919 marked a turning point in colonial rule, and in the life of the young Indian whose revenge struck right at the heart of the British establishment. PETER LENNON meets Horace Ové, the film-maker determined to tell the story



Shadow of a gunman

Michael O'Dwyer, former Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab, was gra-clously acknowledging ap-plause at the end of his lecture at the Caxton Hall, London, sponsored by the East India Association. A well-dressed young Indian called his name Sir Michael turned, smiled at him and turned back, at which point the 37-year-old Udham Singh produced a service revolver and shot him dead.

In the pandemonium that ensued Sinch also shot and wounded three other distinguished gentlemen on the plat-form: Lord Zetland. Secretary of State for India; Lord Lamington a former governor of ouis Dane

N THE evening of | vention of "the authorities", March 13, 1940 Sir | the Caxton Hall affair has lef the Caxton Hall affair has left little trace in the public mind. When the Trinidad-born film-maker Horace Ové went to India to make his dramatised documentary about the Bhopal disaster, Who Shall We Tell, he came across the story of Udham Singh, a national hero in his own land. While he was working on a screenplay of the story, BBC2 invited him to produce a shorter version to open their new Hidden Empire series. starting on Monday. Ové's The Equalizer revives memories of probably the most barbaric act in the history of England's colonial

army. On April 13, 1919,

in the Punjab, a crowd of 25,000 refused to disperse

following widespread unrest



Horace Ove (main picture) believes there's more to the Singh affair than has been told. Above, a reconstruction of Sir Michael O'Dwyer's murder in Ové's film The Equalized

was that the action was neces- | when Dyer died, the affair ob-

"three indignant but hard up school girls" who gave one shilling. An "anti-Jew" (a reference to the Secretary of State for India, E.S. Monta-gue) gave 10s. 6d. It was not surprising that in 1940, with India once again pro-viding massive aid in men and

viding massive aid in men and materials to the war ellort, the overnment did not want

this mesay debate revived by publication of Udham Singh's peech from the dock. But there are other elements to the story which intrigue

Horace Ové, In 1982 Singh, a colitical activist, went to America to buy arms; he was wrested and imprisoned. Why then did the authorities

tive him a passport to come to England in 1935, a man with his prison record?" asks Ové. e's film reveals that while

years. In 1975, backed by the BFI Production Board, he made Pressure, a film innova-tive in its time, about "young English black kids in search of a groove of their own" youth who had not success-

fully integrated into "English" life but rejected the nomeward looking traditions of their Jamaican parents. In 1986, he won the BFI Independent Film and TV Award. One of his films, Playing Away, de-scribes ex-colonials living in a Suffolk village who invite a cricical team from Brixton to play. His most recent film, shot in Chicago and Paris in 1994, called Native Son, is about the first black American novelist, Richard Wright.

Ové has a problem common to most black film-makers when trying to raise money for a full-scale feature. "People

Television

Nancy Banks-Smith

M TIRED of these TV competitions where you made an expensive 0891 call. answer a stupid question and fail to win a world cruise. Wish You Were Here's current contest is "In which county is Canterbury? Kent or Cornwall." They are all like that.

Let us strike a blow for the difficult, if not impossible, competition. I will award a swally or a soiled string vest to the clever winner of the Rab C Nesbitt contest. There are three, brutally taxing questions. (1) In the first show of his

(1) In the first show of his
new BBC2 series, Rab goes oot
on the dip. What is he doing?
Be appallingly frank.
(2) At the end Rab gives
Mary her 20th wedding anniversay present, a sort of china cherub with flowers in its bol-tom. "Not," says Rab, "so much Ming as minging." What is he on about?

(3) Rab's little bald friend, Andra, says he is "Awa" hame in time for Cell Block and a ple aupper." (Unlike London, where Prisoner Cell Block H vanishes for prolonged periods, Vanishes for produced per total leaving us worried sick about the time bomb ticking away in the prison porridge, lucky old Glasgow gets Prisoner twice a week). Simmer down, the week). Similar down, the question has nothing to do with Prisoner Cell Block H. What is in Andra's pie? All Scots, Scottles, their

wives and weans are excluded. Feel free to try bribery. There was a definite touch of the Brontes, Indeed the bronchials, about Catherine Cookson's The Tide of Life Tyne Tees TV). Consumptive oughing, mad wives in the ttic and strong men with windswept moustaches. I was rather disheartened

by the opening. Nancy is dying as the ladies of the chapel read prayers over her. (They had to make their own entertainment in those days.), I have always felt that prayers for the sick like "Go forth upon thy journey from this world, O Christian soul!" verge on the pessimistic and, for future reference. I would prefer something more unbeat.

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Anyway, Nancy dies with-out even one line, poor soul. Her husband, Seth, is consolable. He has a pretty, young housekeeper with a sweet sudden smile. The moment Emily (Gillian Kearney) accepts Seth's proposal, you know something is going to fall on the wretched man's head. Catherine Cookson heroines are all orphans of the storm, tempest tossed for sev-eral episodes before they reach the harbour of a good

man's arms. However, they are sensible, spirited girls too and Emily is an example to the rest of us. With a cheery cry of "Buck up and be a rabbit!" and pausing only to whack the lodger with the poker, she sets out to seek her fortune.

By the end of the first episode she has been hired to work for a farmer called Birch (at whose name villagers spit in a marked manner), his rav-ing, bedridden wife and her simpleton brother. What's more, the house is said to be haunted. The slightest acquaintance with Jane Eyre leads me to suggest that, when footsteps are heard at dead of night, one is better off with a mousetrap than a minister. Catherine Cookson's inspi ration has one deep, tap root like a dandelion. It is com-mon, strong, shining and very

hard to kill. These films are made with devotion and atten-tion to the look of the thing. The lived-in, unfamiliar faces the soft gaslight, muted mousey clothes and great. gulping open spaces.

Total recall

Lyn Gardner

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S THE clocks edged

A towards midnight on New Year's Eve, a wom-

an on Radio 3 was being ab-

ducted by aliens. Unlike most

of those who report sightings

of little green men on this par-ticular evening of the year, this

you count that of Bud Honkins

an American UFO investigator

who uses regressive hypnosis to get his subjects to recall

(some might say invent) their

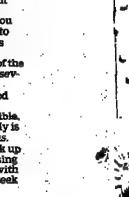
experiences. There were moments when

vasn't a case of a woman

under the influence, unless

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the past which fit counfortably with our view of ourselves now, which is a very grown-up way of explaining why most of us spend the night of Decem-





former Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab.

The assassin was floored by a hardy group of fans of the Raj, many of them women. He was arrested, promptly tried for murder and banged. The first peculiarity about this affair was that the judge instructed the press not to report the defendant's speech from the dock in which he gave his motive for the killing. Partly because the country

had more pressing matters on its mind at the time, but largely because of the inter-

lianwala Bagh of the holy city of Amritsar, General Reginald Dyer ordered his troops to fire on men, women and children. They fired for more than 10 minutes into the terrifled crowd trapped in the square; some died flinging themselves down a deep well in an attemp to escape the bullets. The off-cial tally of "natives" killed is 379 and 1,208 wounded. But in India the number is put at 600 killed. The excuse offered by General Dyer and his superior, Sir Michael O'Dwyer,

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ing a political raily in the Jaltiny in India. But in his book, Massacre at Amritsar, Rupert Furneaux sums up the event, saying: 'General Dyer was the strong man who gave India into the keeping of a half-naked saint, the first step in the birth of a new nation" — a reference to the nation-wide passive pro-test organised by Gandhi. Udham Singh was a 16-year old water carrier at the scene

and he swore to average the deaths. Twenty-one years later he carried out his vow. Between 1919 and 1927.

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The government's Hunter Committee censured General Dyer, Dyer was invited to resign his appointment and the Secretary of State for War, Winston Churchill, announced in the House of Commons that he had committed "an error of judgment". He was retired on half pay. The Morning Post launched an appeal for Dyer and the staggering sum of £26,317 was raised for the now ailing erofficer. The money came from dukes who donated £100; a country parson who gave 3s;

Singh was in London he was under British secret service surveillance. Why was it so esy for an agitator for Indian independence to go armed to Caxton Hall where those associated with the massacre were speaking? "The Home Office still won't release papers on the affair." he says He sees his BBC programme as a pilot for the full-scale feature film he wants to make digging deeper into the incident. Born in Trinidad, Ové, 56,

don't see you as a film-maker but as a black film-maker. That puts you in an ethnic bag. So you get an ethnic budset, which is quite small. The ideas. too, are narrow. I would like to make a major feature about the Singh affair. There are a lot of unanswered ques tions about it," Ove says. "I am interested in examining the traps governments fall into.

The Equalizer is on BBC2 at has lived in Britain for over 30 7.30om on Monday

While the Opera House has millions to rebuild, it is also having to sack staff. Why? ANDREW CLEMENTS reports

A right Royal mess

DRE-CHRISTMAS rumours of the Royal

Opera House's financial plight were not, alas, exagger-ated. Last Thursday's annonncement of redundancies involving 10 per cent of those who work at Covent Garden comes as a savage blow at a time when the artistic product from the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet is generally so fine, and audience figures are holding up remarkably well. It is the collapse in revenue from sponsorship, state and private, that has led to the current season's deficit. which promises comfortably to outstrip last season's short fall of £633,000. To some extent, the ROH shares that shortfall with many other arts organisations - Arts Council grants have not been maintained in real terms, while corporate sponsorship has become ever more difflcult to attract in the 1990s but there is the suspicion that

part of the problem is of the house's own making. Most of the fund-raising activity over the past 12 months in Floral Street has been concentrated on the closure and redevelopment of the theatre. now scheduled for 1997, and particularly on finding the cash to match the £58m grant from the Lottery towards the rebuilding work. While minds were thus occupied, the important role of the private sponsors in underwriting new productions has been neglected, and the fundamental flaw in Lottery funding of the arts has been exposed once again. There may be fabulous funds available for capital projects, for building spank-ing new palaces of culture, but there is just no money to be had for funding the shows to out into them. The long-term health of the

Cockerel, Pfitzner's Palekind of spice that has been introduced into the Royal

very damaging cash crisis has overtaken it

At present, the redundancles seem likely to be concen-trated on the front-of-house operation and on the adminstration, though several previous rounds of job cuts there over the last five years means there can be very little spare flesh left to be trimmed away. It's surely only a matter of time, though, before new productions are cut and cheaper revivals put in their place; already the new Il Corsaro, part of this summer's Verdi Festival has gone, and some of the most interesting repertory scheduled for next season --Rimsky-Korsakov's Golden strina - might go the same way. And that is precisely the Opera's programming over

They're Coming To Take You Away came across like a radio version of The X-Files. But, being based on the theory that alien abduction stories are the 20th century equivalent of ancient folk tales where people

are spirited away by the fairies, it was less concerned with whether or not Martians exist than with the idea that such stories may be another example of false memory, a phenomenon widely reported both here and in the US. mostly in cases of remembered child-

bood sexual abuse. However, anyone listening to all six hours of Remembering And Forgetting, Radio 3's themed evening of music, discussion, readings and drama exploring what we remember, why we remember, how we remember and what we forcet. could be forgiven for coming away with the impression that there's no such thing as pure

memories anyway. Psychologist John Morton suggested that memory is a way of selecting things from

ber 31 drinking three litres of Bulgarian red and singing Auld Lang Syne and then spend the whole of January 1 trying to remember just what we did the night before.

Harold Pinter's dramatisation of Marcel Proust's **Remembrance Of Things Past** The Proust Screenplay, originally written for film director Joseph Losey but never produced, provided the centre piece of the evening and its main disappointment, proving considerably more baffling and complex than the original. It seemed almost wilfully perverse to try to present a screep-play — with its legion of the filmic equivalent of stage directions — on the radio. Why not go the whole hog and do a silent classic? Or how about a really exciting evening of semaphore. Still, it gave Pinter the chance to modulate beautifully and provide the drama's best performance in what was rather pompously billed as "the voice of the screenplay" Considerably more reward-ing was Christopher Hope's Now Remember, an incisive essay, both witty and melancholy, that linked his own experiences of life as an exile with those of the writer Vladimir Nabokov. "For some of us. remembering may be a form of revenge, a way of getting our own back, making good the unacceptable loss of something precious, like a childhood or a country or of someone," suggested Hope. Nabokov's memoir Speak Memory, he argued, "is a kind of guerrilla manual for

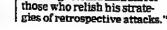
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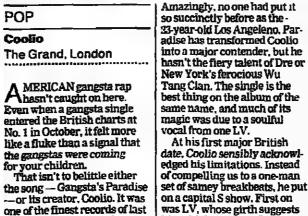
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and a spliff at Buckingham Palace, Her Majesty wouldn't have been amused, but 1,500 other people were. Books@TheGuardian

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house may have been safe-guarded in 1995, it seems, but a short-term but potentially

the last couple of seasons which has lifted Covent Garden to its current artistic high. accompanied by three

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Unusually for the star of the

equal share of the spotlight.

Coolio's two albums were

better for it.

Their renditions of stuff from

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Just as it was starting to go

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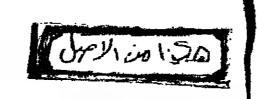
old-fashioned singing, dancing

revue. The difference was that

Coolio was telling the fans how

he'd like to drop off some beer

show, he allowed the others an





As one of Northern Ireland's 'disenfranchised', supporting none of the three main combatants, JOHN GRAY is depressed that the peace process has been belittled by Unionists and the Government against the hopes of many

Awful racket, this peace

hension and anger have grown as I have watched the main Unionist parties --- the effective political majority here — and the British government systematically belit tle what has been achieved. If it has taken the Provisionals 25 years to learn the art of the possible, and to our cost, surely others should now exercise realism in demande on "permanence" and "decommissioning of arms". It is perhaps the tone of the response to the ceasefires that has been most deeply depressing. Precious little of magna-

between the Falls and the Shankill. For a moment I em hopeful. Yet meanwhile there was Ulster's real summer outing, the marching season. The new would-be multi-cultural Unionism was born at the siege of Drumcree where thousands of Orangemen assem-bled to assert their civil and religious liberty by marching, as tradition demands, through a Catholic street. I watched aghast on TV. David Trimble, sash to the fore, was side by side with

building on existing contacts politics and is Visiting Professor of Irish Literature at Boston College in the United States. Back in Belfast there i a mysterious series of murders. The victims are all former Republican leaders who have become leading poets. The new cross-community Northern Ireland police service is unable to solve the crimes. Gerry Adams is called out of retirement to help. He, too, is immediately killed as a traitor to Republicanism. It is a fiction, but one that points out the risks that the peacemakers have taken. to have been there, but sure And as others fritter the months away. I have a growthat my own side is greener. There were uplifting moing sense that areas of potential conflict multiply even in ments during the year. The the purely cultural sphere, an first really fine day of summer when I led 100 people to inevitable consequence of the over-arching failure of the po-McArt's Forton my own Cave litical imagination. I have bad Hill to commemorate the 200th dreams of a day when a mob anniversary of a meeting will assemble outside my there by leading United Irishlibrary and demand that I sepmen who swore "never to arate it into its constituent desist until they had freed lreland from English tyranny". parts, British, Ulster Scots and Irish, and My luckless predecessor as when I point out that these elements are in librarian, Thomas Russell, had been present. In the circumseparable in most of stances of 1995 we were hardly our books. I am going to pledge ourselves to handed a guillotine armed struggle, but we did to cut them up page adopt a new democratic mani

by page.

of French intellectual life --everything radiates from Paris, just as efficiently as the marvellous railway system. Yes. France is just another metropolitan power like Britain. Force de Frappe and all. and has had just as much diffi-culty in coming to terms with its imperial past as Britain. Strange indeed to have left Belfast at peace and to find irmed gendarmes and sol diers on every railway station platform in the face of a bombing compaign by Algerian fundamentalists. I returned from the far side of the hill, glad

OW easily very recent miseries fade — the years of barricading the front door at night in north

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Belfast, the IRA fire-bombing of my own place of work, Bel-fast's historic Linen Hall Library, on New Year's morn ing 1994, the last loyalist random sectarian murder of the troubles only two streets away from our home. It is easier for us to forget than for some.

Why, then, do I find myself as depressed about the future as at any point in the last 25 years of violence? I can remember previous occasions when there were evident reasons for feeling this way. But now we have had, despite the recent so-called drugsrelated killings, over a year of

ceasefire. Of course there is a peace dividend — people are not, for the moment, dying in the numbers that they did — and there is a tourist dividend with visitors arriving in droves, but those of us who live here are not tourists. And there is a golf dividend there are plans to despoil Carnmoney Hill, one of the beautiful range that form a spectacular backdrop to Bel-fast, by turning it into yet another golf course; if we all had the inclination or the means to play golf all day, our problems would be solved. But is there a peace process?

I suspect this is a question that someone in my position still should not ask. That feel-ing reflects, I think, that we still remain far from achieving any of the features of a normal dem ocratic society. Let me explain. Many of us have been effec-

tively disenfranchised for the last 25 years, caught as we were between the war strategies of the Provisionals, the Loyalists, and the British government, and endorsing none of them. Because Northern Ireland never actually descended to the depths of civil war on the

Yugoslav model — if it had my library would long since have burnt to the ground like Sarajevo's --- there have been islands of life throughout the bad years on which it has been possible for some of us to clamber ashore and envisage a bet-

ter future. I think of integrated education. My own involvement has been with Hazelwood College in north Belfast which was founded 10 years ago with a handful of pupils in borrowad and prison-like premises. Today it has 640 pupils and has just been picked out by the National Foundation for Educational Research as one of six secondary schools in the whole United Kingdom which are "succeeding against the odds"

I think, too, of the environmental movement. which has brought together groups such as my own Cave Hill Conservation Campaign in north Bel fast with the Black Mountain Action Group in west Belfast to create the vision of a Belfas Hills Regional Park. The Belfast Hills Walk, started five years ago with 40 walkers has now become a major annual event with up to 1,000 participants. This year members of the

security forces and Sinn Fein councillors felt safe to walk the whole route for the first time. The Government has now endorsed the Regional

liberal tradition of the institution has survived sufficiently for it to collect, and without fear or favour, 80,000 printed items from all parties to the present conflict. It has flourished in doing so. It was the veteran broadcaster and novelist, the late Sam Hanna Bell, who saw the library "as a breathing hole in this ice cap that is closing over us". That is, I think, the hest that a library can do in a bitterly divided and often ensorious community. And there we come to the limitations of all such endeav ours. They have survived, even prospered, conditionally The condition being that we 'don't mention the war", or as eamus Heaney put it, "Whatever you say, say nothing. That is not to say that we have

not deplored every atrocity and sought to prevent others.

by that almost forgotten late 18th century radical Presbyterian generation who looked outwards to the rest of the world, embraced Enlighten-ment principles and the ideals of the American and French Revolutions, and in some cases sought to emulate them DOPTINESS. n Ireland - our second librarian was executed as a United Irishman. Later generations of the same families were the city's captains of industry and commerce and were more likely to be Unionist in politics. Yet the those-

Park idea but the battle is still

on to ensure that real powers

to defend the environment go

I think, too, of the Linen

Hall Library, where for the

past 15 years I have been li-brarian. It was founded in 1788

with it,

It is to say that, in such circles,



North looks South ... despite the exhibition, cutbacks reaten our understanding of Africa PHOTOGRAPH: ADRIAN WHITE

Not because the arts of

this process of underlying cultural change. Since October the Royal Academy has presented the arts of Africa as

Africa are in any way strange to exhibition in London. The British Museum has long made sure of that. We may thank our stars for being endowed with such a magnificent reserve. Consciously or not, the RA exhibition rounds off some 40 years of far-reaching, if sel-

constitutional settlements. still the core of our unresolved conflict, has been taboo. It is understandable why. We have wished to preserve these sland sanctuaries of hope Adams, John Hume and from the surrounding sea of bitterness and division. Albert Reynolds. In August we went to an It was only when our ceas in the Conway Hill off the Falls Road, part of the fires were declared that I realised how immensely weary I was of the years of dissimula-West Belfast Festival, tion. Now surely was the time 500 people packed when we could all exercise a into a room meant for new magnanimity and 200 in sweltering heat to hear a question and

discussion of political and

Those who had inflicted the answer session in-cluding Albert Reynmost pain but had also sufered the most, Republicans olds, Martin McGuinand Loyalists, had exercised ness of Sinn Fein, and that quality. The much a courageous Unionist, Roy Garland. It vaunted Downing Street Declaration, an impenetrably was an electric occa confusing compromise, had sion when it was no seemed to me to be a wholly pain to stand for two hours or more. I was left with no doubt inadeouate basis for a Provisional IRA ceasefire. That is if about the continuing desire for peace, about the genuine we were talking of the Provisionals of the year of military victory — they had several of welcome and respect that Protestants and Unionists -or even the Provision als of the long war, the war present got, about the deep that had gone on too long. Their willingness to emanger that remains over man individual issues, and the growing frustration at the log bark on a ceasefire on the iam in the volitical process. declaration's terms had to imply a willingness to diser On the way out I was handed a couple of pamphlets gage from the juggernaut of that hailed from the Shankill militarism and seek limited and pragmatic gains in negoti-Road --- Ulster's Protestant Working Class, and Beyond ation, a form of process which the Fife and Drum published ad been anathema to Repubby Island Pamphlets, named after Queens Island, home of Harland and Wolff shipyard, icans ever since the 1922 Treaty, which ended the Anglo-Irish war. For them a perilous course indeed. once the great employer of Every bit as impressively, Loyalist paramilitaries were Protestant male workers in this city. These pamphlets record similar agonised diswilling to take the Republican cussion within the Loyalist cease-fire at face value and

community and suggest that there would be real mileage in declare their own. Subsequently my incompre-

> But what is stranger. perhaps, is that this process of cultural change has been the work of factors and persons within our own culture. A modest volume published the other day in Oxford, for instance, has celebrated "the emergence of African history in British universities": as a product, however surprisingly, of our own British

nimity here. An air of disap-Paisley, arms raised in tripointment, of unfinished umph, The face of David Trimbusiness, of suspicion, of patble, the new leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, was ronising begrudgery - maybe because the process got as far beetroot red. Was it my TV. as it did thanks to the much vilified initiatives of Gerry the weather, or the passion? Back in west Belfast tradition was abandoned. There were no riots on the anniver sary of internment, a ritual xtraordinary political forum usually observed on the ninth of August. For once the inter-

> I have bad dreams of a day that a mob will demand I separate my library into its constituent parts, British, Ulster-Scots and Irish

> > ests of the British government and Sinn Fein seemed to coin-cide. Somehow the West Belfast Festival was much better funded than in previous years, culture rather than conflict was the order of the day. Festivals such as this offer a much better barometer of the mood in the community than the better known and more highbrow Belfast Festival at Queens --- it has continued relatively unscathed throughout the troubles even if the bands have played as though on the deck of the Belfast-built Titanic

1998, after the Northern Ireof incomprehension in the

festo. Then, last month, we saw It was as well at the US cavalry ride into town this point that I de- it felt like that as 70,000 parted for France to people packed Belfast city cantre to welcome President Clin-ton. They hissed our Lord two conferences and a tour of French Mayor who tried his sanctimo libraries. Balm in deed for the troubled nious evangelical sermon, they brow. They exude the Enlight had turned out for Clinton and enment spirit — we happily talk, in my bad French and his telling messages for all those who would still play the ero sum game. their better English over fine meals and not a little wine, of We plucked up courage varieties of republicanism, of ignored the FBI sharpshooters, liberte, egalité and fraternité l am flattered to find that

climbed out onto the library window ledges, and toasted the eady night from the best vantage point in town. In the morning hangovers the Americans had not actually relieved our besieged city. We are left with ourselves. Now, in

the New Year, only alleged drug dealers, brutally murdered in front of their tamilies have paid the price of the politi cal failure of the peace process In such squalid fashion one future beckons all of us. The duty to speak out for better alternatives is evident.

John Gray is Librarian of Belfast's Linen Hall Library

British broadcasting services in and from the non-British and even non-European world should be under financial threat is bad enough, but is perhaps only a momentary po litical lunacy. What is more serious is that funds and energies to promote and support our research and teaching of African history, are savagely reduced or withdrawn; that our relevant students find grants for travel and learning ever more difficult to locate; that professorial appointments in this wide field are allowed to fall vacant and not be re-filled; gradually, in sbort, that British leadership and capacity in these fields is undermined.

All this may be seen as the outcome of some 16 years of culturally reductive "little Englandism". I cannot think i will be easy to reverse if a new spirit of community and government now comes our way. It is a job that will have to be done, but it will take time and

Those who may think this unreasonably pessimistic could usefully ask themselves, taking a small sign as the indicator of a greater, just why it should be that the Queen has at her disposal no more generally available national honour than the Order of the British Empire, at least 50 years since that empire was formally and practically consigned to the past? Emerging now as we may be from the miseries of Thatcher ism, do we not deserve a quite new order for the celebration of merit — a less exclusive Order of Merit, no doubt, but a no less demanding order of national fellowship: perhaps an Order of Britain?

Africa: The Art of a Continent continues at the Royal Academy of Arts in London until January 21. Basil Davidson's many books on Africa Include Let Freedom Come (Africa In Modern History) and African Civilisation Revisited, From Antiquity to Modern Times.

for how long? asks BASIL DAVIDSON Little England, less of Africa

The Royal Academy's African art

exhibition shows how outdated views

of the continent have changed, but

AN OUR British leopard change its spots and, frantic thought, leap ahead into a way of thinking that leaves behind the ideologies and attitudes of custom-bound imperialism? Not, of course, if we accept as wise what is curiously known as "Euro-scepticism" in its fashionable sense. Michael Portillo, as we know, has told | lately seen - that speaks for

us that we will never "fight for Brussels", although we also know that the fathers and grandfathers of Portillo's British generation did exactly that in 1914 and again, thank goodness, in 1939. Yet things change. Later this month there will

close in London a grand exhibition — one of the finest

part of some otherwise quite obscure celebrations known as "Africa 95". Sponsored by everal multi-national corporations, but with strong academic support, this offering at the RA has been greatly to our dom recognised, cultural national credit.

change in our attitudes to Africa. The historians and anthropologists have carried the day. No academic voice will any longer tell us that the peoples of Africa were savage until the times of imperial dispossession a century ago. In every vital sense of culture. the Africans in their tropical solitudes are to be recognised as human beings like the rest of us: as the outcome of their own history and self-development, and not as the feckless moon-calves of Victorian

condescension.

initiative. There is even room here for some prudent self-sat-

think so. Yet at the very moment when these notable achieve-Africa have been making their point at the RA, there are ing that this enlightenment, written off the national scene

erate collapse. These reasons have little or nothing to do with organised

or subversive racism. What we have of racism in Britain, however disgusting, is nothing new, and may barely count in the general run of our national life. Our Tebbitries remain a small, peripheral whine

isfaction, if for reasons quite | less complacent answer. That | very determined effort.

the Linen Hall Library is viewed as an exemplar by the French of what a library should do in a political conflict - somehow none of their

great libraries managed, on an official level, to collect the printed ephemera from their risis of May 1968. I wax eloquent about the

importance of local history and local culture - if you do not understand where you come from you cannot comprehend the universal - and l walk into something of a wall

face of the centrifugal forces

For the last five years I have judged the West Belfast Festival short story competition. Another barometer. One story this year caught my eye. Set in

land political settlement, Gerry Adams has retired from

repugnant to our Tebbits and all their kind. Does the RA exhibition, with its companion initia-tives, therefore signal a big

point of departure in our attitudes to Africa and its cultures? It would be pleasant to ments in our understanding of

truly dismal reasons for knowhowever bravely won, is being and consigned to an unregen-

The wider scene returns a

OBITUARI

Lincoln Kirstein

New York's lord of the dance

INCOLN KIRSTEIN. | through the School of Ameriwho has died aged 88 will be remembered

above all for having Balanchine to embark on the immense and uncertain task of creating a national ballet in America.

Not only did Kirstein raise the money to get the venture going in 1933, he also sustained it -- financially, politically and administralively — during the 20 or so lean years it took to make Americans aware of the miracle that Balanchine had

Accomplished. Kirstein was 26 when he decided that Balanchine was the best person to establish classical ballet in the US, where the art had never taken root. Ambitious, rich and well connected, Kirstein was al-ways prepared for the long ul. First came the craft.

can Ballet, then came art, iniuted his expertise and many of his own possessions. tially through a series of modest companies and finally, in 1948, the New York City Balwas as good as his eye for let. Kirstein raised most of the dance and art. As a 20-year-old undergraduate, he money to pay for the latter's founded the magazine Hound And Horn; its contributors inincomparable repertoire of works by Igor Stravinsky. Until 1989, when he retired at cluded Eliot, Joyce, Pound. the age of 82, Kirstein was general director of the com-Valery, Gide, Hart Crane, e e cummings, Edmund Wilson, pany and president of the Katherine Ann Porter, John school

of Modern Art, to which in

Cheever, James Agee. From the start, he understood the Young as he was when he landed Balanchine, Kirstein uses of power and sought out those who possessed it. At 13, had already achieved much. While still an undergraduate on a visit to England, he had established lifelong friend-ships with E M Forster, he established the Harvard Society for Contemporary Art. in which he was joined by John Walker (later direc-Keynes, Lytton Strachey, the Sitwells and the Woolfs. tor of the National Gallery, Meanwhile Kirstein was Washington) and Edmund himself busily writing -Warburg, his college room-mate. From this emerged the idea for New York's Museum novels, articles, catalogues

polemics, a ploneering history of dance, the first seriou studies of the photographers Walker Evans and Henri Cartier-Bresson. Among his other enthusiasts were the sculptors Gaston Lachaise and Elie Nadelman, both of

whose reputations he helped

devoted himself to the immense task of bringing the Lincoln Center into existence.

crucial support of his old friend Nelson Rockefeller. In

the middle of what had been a tract of West Side slum,

buildings the like of which the US had never seen before, in-cluding the State Theatre, de-

there rose an ensemble of

signed specifically for New York City Ballet by Philip

Johnson, another ally from

Kirstein never sought to

promote himself, for which

he accomplished will proba-

reason no doubt much of what

bly fade from public memory.

in a sense, this is fitting, sinc

two years.

his real monument is the work he made it possible for greater men — Balanchine above all — to achieve with

such speciacular remits.

Harvard days.

Romola Nijinsky's life of Nijinsky, In the early sixties, he

enlisting for this end the

due course Kirstein contrib-

Kirstein's eye for literature



Lincoln Kirstein, ballet adminis-Blooming . . . Kirstein shares a curtain call with Suzanne trator, born May 4, 1907; died PAUL KOLNIK

Dale Harris

to salvage. Somehow he even found time to ghost write

And Mom came too . . . Lita Grey signing up in 1924 as Chaplin's leading lady PHOTO: RANG

Lita Grey Chaplin The little lady and

the Tramp

ITA GREY Chaplin, who has died aged 86, owed her celebrity to vived less than three years and a divorce that shocked and thrilled America 70 years ago. She was Charles Chapiln's second child wife — his previous mairiage to 17-year-old Mildred Harris in 1920 had lasted barely Chaplin, fleeing from wife and nother-in-law, concen-trated on The Gold Rush with his new leading lady, Georgin Hale. The film was Her father was Scottish American and her mother, as she claimed, was of noble spotted the child with sena triumph.

sational Spanish eyes in a restaurant when she was

ous of the sopolaticated woman around him. The only positive result was that

The birth of a second child, Sydney, did not im-

and grandmother. There was a legal wrangle in 1932 when Chaplin prevented her from "exploiting" the children by putting them into pictures. Lita had a brief career as

a cabaret singer and ap-peared in English variety theatres in the mid-thirtie she overcame an alcoholic breakdown and had three more marriages and divorces. Later she took work in the ladies' wear depart-ment of Robinson's departnent store in Beverly Hills and was such a popular figure that she was kept on long after retirement age.

England Lawn Tennis and Crocquet Club. Since 1987 he

OY McKelvie, lawn tennis writer and a correspondent for the Manchester Guard-

ian for 10 years just after the war, has died aged 83. The son of a Norfolk country doctor and for a time a medical student at St Thomas's Hospital, Roy wrote with expertise and a sympathetic understanding of all racket games, and after his time with the Guardian reported then one of three London eve ning newspapers — and the Sunday Express. He also wrote for the Times on real tennis, a game for which he had a great feeling. In press boxes throughout lawn tennis he was affection-

Roy McKelvie

ately known as the Brigadier for despite his southern up-bringing at Malvern school he still had the irascibility of his Scottish forebears. He could not tolerate anything that might infringe upon the dig-nity and professionalism of the press box. Because of these standards, when he retired he became Wimble don's professional press officer, checking bogus applica-tions for press passes with a keen eye. The system he set up is the basis for the present

massive computerised operation which operates today. He was ruthless with any wouldbe imposters to centre court. Like all his fellow tennis writers, Roy would never be seen working without a jacket and tie, no matter the heat or the pressure of the deadline. Fleet Street had standards and McKelvie upheld them all.

At the outbreak of war he joined the Cameron Highland ers and rose to the rank of major. As an aide to Lord Mountbatten in the far east he was responsible for all the press communiques for that theatre of war. He was a founder member

in 1950 of the Lawn Tennis Writers' Association, and for many years was its treasurer. When he produced his annual balance sheet he insisted that those present destroyed their copies in case one found its way to the Inland Revenue. In 1972 Roy was one of the few pressmen ever to be elected a member of the All

had never missed a champi-onship. Having played the game at a reasonable level, he could not only dig out the hot news story of the day, but had a deep understanding of tac-tics and an empathy for the psychological stress of the players concerned.

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Court scribe's

smashing life

While editor of Tennis World he wrote a cynical column under the title of First Server which lambasted any official or bad mannered player he thought devalued the game. He wrote two books: War In Burma, and The Queen's Club Story, a valuable history of sport which marked the centenary of the club in 1986. It included soccer, ragby union, athletics and cycling as well as the racket games.

For the happy final years of an adventurous and colourful life Roy lived in the tiny village of Adderbury, Oxford-shire. Until the end he would wander peacefully, with the aid of a stick, down to the vil-lage pub for a pint of Hook Norton with his cronies. If Roy McKelvie could add the last word to his obit he would say: "Thank God for everything", and be pleased to know that I have a glass of port in my hand.

Laurie Planon

Roy McKelvie, soldier and sports writer, born July 1, 1912; died January 4, 1996



Roy McKelvie ... empathised with tennis players

he was telling us about salt;

effect on the urine. About

Roger [Fry]. "Can I mention erection?" I asked Lydia.

What?" Maynard: "Stiff"

water; heat and cold and their

place in great secrecy on November 26, 1924, in a lit-

tle Mexican township. The birth of Lita's first child. Charles Chaplin Jr, on May 5 1925, was given as June 28 Chaplin was bored and irritated by this immature girl and poor Lita was jeal

Weekend Birthdays

Farrell at the State Theatre, New York

IN DISAGREEABLE places like Belgrade or Islamabad, you know it's safe to talk can-didly anywhere you find vid-eos of Blackadder — smuggled in or borrowed from the British Council. If the watchers can quote lines from Rowan Atkinson, 41 today, they're free spirits on whom local pro nagarida has zero effect: defended by their taste for joined-up humour, angry de-spite the cynicism. Funnily, you seldom see in those place his other great puller, Mr

Bean, though worldwide it's much more popular --- highes British audience ratings for TV comedy (16 million) and exceptional international sales, Atkinson (pictured) notes that his friends, his family, the lot who dole out Bafta awards, the 14-24-year-olds who use verbal comedy as a club in all senses - le, the middle-classes don't have much time for Mr Bean. They don't dislike him but they wouldn't set the video."It's perfect program-ming." he remarked, "if you have intelligence but no education," He hasn't said what he feels about The Thin Blue Line, the Ben Elton-scripted stinker of this winter's T scheduling. Never mind. Tem-porary disaster. Remember Atkinson's real ambition was may still be, to use his earnings and his heavy goods vehicle licence to buy a juggernaut and run a theatrical trucking firm. VR



Today's other birthdays: Paul Azinger, golfer, 36; Sir Ashley Bramall, former chairman, GLC, 79; John Burch. jazz pianist, com-poser, 64: Sir Robert Clark chairman, Mirror Group Newspapers, 72; John Clive. actor and writer. 58; John Croft. criminologist and oll painter, 73; Angus Deayton. comedian, broadcaster, 40; Kapil Dev, cricketer, 37; Sa cha Distel, entertainer, 64; Gen Sir Martin Farndale, ormer commander-in-chief BAOR, 66; Sir Hugh Fish, water scientist, 73; Ronald law, 58; Ross Norman, Goldstein, joint founder, Su-perdrug, 59: Barry John, rugby player, 51: P J Kavan-agh, poet and novelist, 63; Sir Prof Keble Sykes, physical chemist, 75; Helen Worth, ac tress, 45; Will Wyatt, manag-ing director, BBC Television, Christopher Lewinton, chairman and chief executive, TI Group, 64; Nancy Lo-pez-Melton, golfer, 33; Prof Lord McColl, surgeon, 63; Brian Moffat, chairman, British Steel, 57; Martin 54: Roger Young, director-general, Institute of Manage-ment, 55

O'Nelll, Labour MP, 51: Richard Nerurkar, athlete, 32; Lord Plowden, former chair man, Atomic Energy Author-ity, 89; Bill Sirs, former trade union leader, 76; Sylvia Syms, actress, 62; Terry Ven ables, football manager, 53; Loretta Young, actress, 63.

Tomorrow's birthdays: in The Idle Class, before her contract expired. But three Richard Armstrong, conductor, 58; Geoffrey Bayl-don, actor, 72; Dr Tim Black years later she was given a screen test and, despite his collaborators' misgivings, chief executive, Marie Stopes International, 59; Iona Chaplin cast her as the lead Brown, violinist and musical ing lady in The Gold Rush, under contract at \$75 a director, 55; Alan Butcher, cricketer, 42; Hazel Counsell circuit judge, 65; Kenny Da-vern, jazz clarinettist, 61; Hunter Davies, journalist and author, 60; Tony Elliott, publisher, founder Thue Out, 19; Stuart Hampson, chair-man, John Lewis Partnership, 49; Tom Kiernan, rugby player, 57; Ian La Frenais, screenwriter and producer, 55; Malcolm MacDonald, football manager, 46; Mau-reen MacGlashan, diplomat and scholar of international squash champion, 37; Lady Anne Scott, former chair man, Scottish Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 64;

mother persuaded an acquaintance, Chuck Riesne Chaplin's assistant director, to take them to the studio. Chaplin, then working on The Kid, was intrigued and gave her a contract. Her first role now eems ominous; in a dream equence in The Kid, she used an obscure section plays the angel of tempta tion, assigned by the devil t tempt the little tramp. Since Chaplin worked slowly, there was only one fellatio to justify lurid

generate sexual desires ... too revolting, indecent and immoral to set forth in dere role for her, as a maid tail in this complaint".

week. The press was told she was 19. She was 15 years and nine months. Lita shot only one studio scene for The Gold Rush, again a dream sequence which ap-pears premonitory. Chaplin, as a starving prospec tor, dreams he is visited by girl bearing a strawberry shortcake. Sweetly, she tells him to close his eyes — and smashes the cake in his face. The scene was not used. Five months into the shooting Lita told Chaplin she was pregnant. By Ĉaliformian law sexual relation with a minor then constituted ipso facto statutory rape: Chaplin had little choice but marriage. More-over Lita's paternal uncle was a lawyer and her mater nal grandfather carried a care, though mostly brought up by her youthful

rember 1926 Lita left with died a chronic alcoholic, in her bables. In January 1927 1968. Sydney gave up a suc cessful acting career to be her lawyers filed an unprecedently long — 52 pages — and complex divorce com-plaint. The National Bank an intermittent restauraiour and an inveternie colfer. Lits continued to of Los Angeles and the Bank live alone in her mode of Italy were among the codefendants. The lawyers 2862 of the Californian statate book, which proscribed charges of "abnormal, un-natural, perverted and de-

departments talking about The Kid and its making. In HAPLIN, always jealous of his dig-nity and reputaearly December she entered

Century City Hospital, suflering from cancer. Her last tion, was appalled and, while denying the com-plaint, declined to go into two weeks were spent in the Motion Picture Home in court. The settlement was precipitated when lawyers Beverly Hills, where she died. threatened to name five In old age her eyes were prominent actresses with whom they claimed Chaplin still astonishing and she had an endearing franknes had had sexual relations. and vitality. While Chaplin The terms set a record: Lita never overcame his resentreceived \$625.000, with a ments (her name is not even mentioned in his autobiog-\$200,000 trust for the children. Comedian Will Rogers raphy), Lita bore no grudges. "Charlie was a genius" sbe said, "and it's remarked: "Charlie is not what I would call a devoted husband but he is certainly hard to live with a genius. worth marrying." Most of Lita's share went to the law She even had a Charlie Chaplin clock with dancing yers, for whom - and for the scandal sheets -- the hapless teenager had pro-vided a field day. After divorce, Chaplin's sons remained in Lita's

legs on her bedroom wall: "Someone gave it me. They thought I'd like it. I do." Inviti Robin

Lita Grey Chaplin (Lillita Louise MacMurray), actress, born April 15, 1908; died Docember 29, 1995

January 6, 1940: Which of our | how hard it is to remember friends will interest posterity apartment on Fountain Avmost? Maynard [Keynes]? So enue. West Hollywood. Spry after hip replacements, and indomitable at 57, she spent the last two years compiling that if I had any regard for the future I would use this hour to record what he said ... He is now supreme, mounted on his sick throne, a successful her memoirs, wishing to put right the record of ber 1966 book, My Life With Chaplin An Intimate Memoir. Last summer she was enthusias tically planning a lecture tour of university film

Letter

Another Day

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(their private word). "No you can't . . . Such revelations man — farmer, bursar, man of business, he called himself, have to be in key with their applying for petrol. A heavy man with a thick moustache time. The time not come yet," Is he right or only public A moralist. As interested in school? A Moment's Liberty: Patsy the old dog as in the shorter diary of Virginia Woolf. Hogarth, 1990. Europe. He was saying -- odd

Geoff Barr writes: Your obitu-

ary (December 11) of Phil Pira-tin stated that he was the last

survivor of four Communist MPs elected to the House of

Commons. Yet five Commu-

nist Party members have served in the House. Lt Colo-

nel C J Malone was the first. He was elected as a Liberal in

1918 for East Leyton and de-fected to the British Socialist

Party, which was one of the

constituent parties making u

the founding conference of th

Newbold was elected for Moth erwell and S Saklatvala was

returned for North Battersea

Willie Gallacher was success ful in 1935 in West Fife. As

answer man's most profound

questions, it has always been

my belief that the purpose of

Judaism is to cause man to

wrestle with the great ques-

tions of life. Fiery debate and challenge to established

thinking has always been the

cornerstone of the Jewish con-tribution to society.

Anglo-Jewry must not see

only concerned with paro-

itself as some benign minority

Communist Party of Great Britain. In 1922, J T Walton

Death Notices

Herts, died Sydney, larmerly of Reading ber 21st 1995. Loved husband of Joyce, tathar of Thoo and Aler brother of Stella Berkeiey Agod 74 years. Loved and missed by all Contact adgress. 179-Pacific Highway, Januar Herts 179-

Memorial Services

Birthdays

Alick Smithers of Stoke-on-Tront is 70 today Binnday withes and much favo from

Engagements

AHIR SHAK ESO, Son of MH Shak of his engagement to Miss. Alsha Vetmi deughter of AR Vetmi of London, England your obituary said, the final victor was Phil Piratin in 1945. To place your ann 0171 511 9050

chial Jewish interests and

social weifare. Rather, it must

reassert itself as a potent and

dynamic force within society

that can assist in the provi-sion of leadership for the

whole of the British popula-

tion by offering guidance on

director of the Oxford University

BY GARRY, TRUDEAU

society's great issues.

L'Chaim Society

Rabbi Shmuel Boteach is

Face to Faith

Fire and fear of change

to the ruling classes that all

humans were created in the

image of God; that man was

as he pleased; that he must

The Jews proclaimed to the

urritant.

Shmuel Boteach

NGLO-JEWRY is one of the fastest declining Jewish communities in the world, having lost a third of its number since mid-century. What is it that makes Judaism in Britain seem as appetising as a plate of warm borscht?

As an American Rabbi living in Britain for the past seven years. I have come to know the difference between the defiant American relithe widow. Might did not gious attitude, with the diffident one of Britain. Religion in Britain is highly influenced by ultra-British conservatism and reserve and the Jews of Britain hate taking risks. The British Jewish establishthings have to be and everyment's aversion to controversy is responsible for stifling the revolutionary call-People can upgrade their social station from that of peasant to land-owner and can ing of the Jewish faith, which makes Judaism tedious and

boring. Anglo-Jewry presents Judaism as a bureaucracy, *the* from selfish to selfiess. Ruling elites have always stablishment, instead of an The introduction of Juda-ism into the established world

feared the Jewish passion for social justice and thus portrayed the Jews as "schemorder was a revolution. Here ers" and "conspirators". The was a people who proclaimed nature of every organism is to expel an irritant, and the Jews, with their message of sanctity, morality and holibound by a divine moral code ness, have been the world's and could not steal or murder greatest nuisance, hence the reason for anti-Semitism. love the stranger, the orphan, Judaism was always meant to unsettle the establishment make right; it was not only the rather than become the estabfittest who survived because lishment. Perhaps here we God's providence spread like a canopy over all of Creation. have the reason that while Christianity and Islam converted billions, the Jews world that the way things are is not necessarily the way remained small yet their influence has created a revolution in established thinking. thing can indeed be changed. Judaism cannot flourish amidst banality. It does not

Here, in my opinion, lies the reason why Anglo-Jewish institutions are soliciting little more than a yawn from our young. For Anglo-Jewry, like the British religious mainstream, retains a visceral feat of controversy. The most diffi cult thing in the world is to be an unpopular irritant and many Jews have therefore chosen to try to resemble the mainstream by blending in and forming part of the benign establishment. We see far lewer open and proud Jews in Britain than in the US: I believe it is more difficult to be a Jew than to profess any other religious creed in this country precisely because the Jew in society represents the dynamic agitator. No parent likes to nag his/

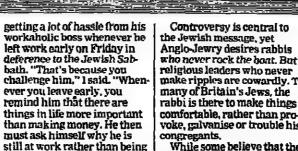
shotgun. The marriage took

soul is filled with fire and a

passionate attempt to wake

the world from slumber.

her child constantly but this is the role of parents. They must serve as a constant reminder to their children of their need to maximise their fullest potential and not live for superficial goals. A former Oxford student now works at a bank lend itself to placid and unrufin London. He told me he was fled communal life. Its very



mother, now Mrs Spicer,

make ripples are cowardly. To many of Britain's Jews, the rabbi is there to make things comfortable, rather than provoke, galvanise or trouble his

congregants. home with his wife and kids."

While some believe that the purpose of religion is to

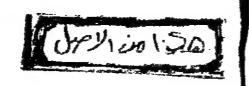
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Glimmer of hope to ease negative equity misery

Customers left in cold as insurers turn up the heat

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HE negative equity noose is about to relax its grip as

building societies begin writing off thousands of pounds of debts and permitting home-owners to sell their way out of trouble.

While banks and building societies spent the new year talking up the housing market. the number of homeowners in negative equity quietly increased to 1.4 million. Lenders have consistently maintained that there should be no "debt amnesty" for borrowers whose mori gages exceed the value of their homes, but there are signs that lenders are now willing to cut their losses to get the housing market moving again.

With mortgage rates at their lowest level for 30 years, buyers are slowly returning to the market. But Labour politicians have been quick to point out there can be no real recovery while repossessions continue to run at 1,000 per week.

Even in extreme cases of financial hardship, mortgage lenders have rarely taken pity on home-owners with large mortgage debts, insisting that they must be paid even if it takes for ever. However, this stance appears to be softening, especially where pressure can be brought to bear on the mortgage insurer to share the

In a recent case, borrower Sarah Murdoch agreed a deal with the Halifax which wrote off almost half her debt, even though she is still in full-time employment. Ms Murdoch, an occupational therapist, bought her one-bedroom flat in Surbiton, Surrey, for £62,000 in 1988 with an endow ment mortgage from the Halifax.

Three months ago she mar-ried and moved into her husband's house, with the inten-tion of selling her flat. Its

matically. Ms Murdoch approached her branch in Win-chester to discuss her options,

but was told that unless she paid the mortgage debt in full, she would have to sign a deed of covenant paying back the shortfall at a crippling inter-

est rate of 18 per cent. Advised by her solicitor that a High Court judgment last year had confirmed the right of borrowers in negative equity to sell their properties, Ms Murdoch found a buyer prepared to pay £44,000 for her flat, leaving a shortfall of £12,500. She informed the Halifax, but it repeated its demand that the debt be paid in Ms Murdoch explained that

her salary was insufficient to pay off all the debt, but offered to pay £5,000 towards the shortfall by cashing in her en-

The Halifax wrote off £5,000 when

Sarah Murdoch

threatened to hand

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dowment policy. The offer was rejected, as was a second offer of £7,500. Fearing that the buyer

would drop out of the sale, Ms Murdoch returned to her branch and threatened to hand back her keys. Within a week, the Halifax had agreed

to write off £5,000 of the shorifall The endowment policy was rigned over to Ms Murdoch and surrendered, and both the lender and its indemnity insurer have agreed not to pursue any further claims. The Halifax maintains that Ms Murdoch's deal was a

rowers to pay off any shortfalls. "We are not opening the floodgates to borrowers who

a Spokeswoman, Ms Mur loch's case also indicates a softening of attitude among mortgage indemnity insurers Most mortgage indemnity guarantee (MIG) policies will only reimburse lenders for

Alliance has agreed to bale out the Halifax for the remain-

loss of £70,000. However, while the couple have broken free of spiralling mortgage arrears, they have not been allowed to escape the outstanding debt of

Last month another High Court judge ruled against a home-owner who tried to walk away from negative equity of £73,443. Iain Brown claimed the shortfall should be cov-

the Woolwich repossessed his home. Since he had paid the MIG premium, Mr Brown claimed he was the legal bene-ficiary of the Legal & General indemnity policy. But Mr Jus-

any benefit from the The judgment was a setback for clients of Union Finance, the controversial firm of debt counsellors which has advised more than 2,000 borrowers to hand in their keys and walk away from negative equity. But Union Finance managing director John Sheppard said: "Lenders have maintained that all MIG policies are dif-ferent, therefore they must agree that a precedent cannot be set using one individual case."

Money Geardian was edited by Teresa Hunter this week



Offer accepted ... Sarah Murdoch made a deal with the Halifax

Teress Hunter

HIS week's launch of Nationwide Life completes the creation of Britain's first network of Bancassurers, pledged to cut the cost of life assurance, pensions and other in vestments. But bank and building society customers should look elsewhere for cheaper deals. As bank and building

societies bid to gain control of high street insurance, Norwich Union launched its telephone Norwich Union Direct service, initially selling discount motor and household policies. For years, Norwich Union sold policies to home-buy-

ers through its branches. But now the big four banks, Abbey National, and the top three building societies all have their own insurance companies. Getting the housing market moving will prove vital

to the success of these com-panies, with their strangle-hold on the mortgage market, given that the sale of insurance and investments is inextricably linked to house purchase. However, their promise to offer cheaper products

rang a little hollow following the first analysis from the life industry watchdog, the Personal Investment Authority, which shows the new breed of Bancassurers has done nothing to undercut the industry's existing competitors. Equitable Life, for example, charges £14.16 per month for £100,000 worth of

National Mutual

Barclays Life

are £1,520 and £1,530, which would reduce the yield annually by 1.4 per cent and 1.3 per cent respectively. Yet Standard Life claims to deduct only £810 in charges on its equivalent with-profits contract, with Equitable Life deducting £654, which explains why with-profit endowments with these companies have performed so spectacularly over the years. So with personal pensions, the tradi-

25-year-term life cover, and

Direct Line £15.18. However, the same person would be charged £22.91 by the Halifax, £26.60 by

Abbey National, £25.10 by

Barclays Bank and £20 by NatWest and Midland. Only

at £16.56. Over 25 years, the

the Woolwich comes close

Abbey National policy would cost nearly £4,000

more than the Equitable

The Bancassurers are

competitive for low cost en-downents — but they only offer mit-linked policies. Financial constraints make

it almost impossible for new

dowments, which are lower

Midland, for example, de-

ducts charges of £1,360 over the first five years of a 25-year unit-linked policy with

a £60 monthly premium. The bank estimates that

this would reduce the final

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"one-off arrangement" and stresses it still expects bor-

want to make us an offer," said

shortfalls if a property has been repossessed. But in another "one-off" ar-rangement, MIG insurer Sun

out the Hallax for the remain-ing £5,000 debt left by Ms Murdoch. A High Court ruling against the Halifax in August has already underscored a borrower's right to sell a property at a loss rather than have it reposessed. Edward and Doreen Barrett won the battle to sell their south London home at a

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tice Waller ruled that the bor-rower was not entitled to gain

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Reliant runs out ofgas again

David Ward

INETY workers were laid off yesterday by Reliant Motors, maker of the £15,000 Scimitar Sabre sports car and the famous three-wheeled rust-proof Reliant Robin which starred in the BBC sitcom **Only Fools And Horses.** The company, based at Tamworth, West Midlands, was made subject to an administration order just before Christmas on the appli cation of Peter Hall, its chief executive. Then, Mr Hall admitted that the company had run out of cash when an expected injection of capital failed to materialise. Joint administrator

Kevin Murphy of Finn Asso clates said 12 staff remained to continue work on 18 cars in various stages of completion. The adminis tration order would pro-vide a three-month breathing space to sort out the company's affairs.

"I think the business will be saved - I'm fairly confi-dent about that," he said. "But I can't predict what any purchaser will do with it. Although we have not ad-vertised the business for sale, we have had a lot of interest from people who



Body blow . . . staff at Reliant's Tamworth plant, producing the Robin and Scimitar, were laid off after the failure to find new capital PHOTOGRAPH FRANK MAN

remaining independent car makers, has had a would want to buy it if we do. We are looking at a poss-ible restructuring or a chequered recent history. The company went into sale receivership in November 1994 through its parent Reliant, founded in 1935 and one of Britain's few

company, Beans Industries. Last January, Reliant's property assets were sold to Smith Brothers, a Tamworth property group which then leased the pre-

mises to the Avonex Group. a private engineering con pany with Mr Hall as chief executive. Avonex later bought the plant and ma-chinery needed to make the

cars and also the engine. gearbox and axle manufacturing plant at nearby Tipton. Mr Hall had hoped to boost production to 800 cars

Governor warns of new clash with Chancellor and says escalating wage deals might jeopardise further cuts

Pay threat to interest rates

Larry Elliott and Sarah Ryle

HE Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, warned yesterday that escalating pay deals threatened to push up inflation and jeopardise fur-ther interest rate cuts.

Interviewed on BBC radio, Mr George expressed concern that between 4 and 4.5 per cent might become the going rate of pay increases, adding that the Bank was keeping a wary eye on developments in the labour market.

Roger Cowe Mr George predicted he was

ber of recent "benchmark deals" as potentially worrystrength. If, however, the UK was not in a position to join, ing. While pay deals in the 4 to the opprobrium of the financial markets would be "very 4.5 per cent range might be

ahead of last year. The

group's departm

1994.

Mr George said it had been justified within an individual "enormously encouraging" that economic expansion and company, they should not be seen as setting a lead for others to follow. "Clearly the settlements jobs growth had so far not led eration in labour costs, but he pointed to a numcurrently are running at 3 per

tion to 4.5 per cent it is unlikely that that would be matched by a comparable acceleration in productivity improvement and, therefore that would have an implication for inflation. Mr George said that when in May last year he first fell out with the Chancellor over

cent, so if you saw an accelera

the week before Christmas

broke all previous records

base rates he had felt that on the balance of probabilities the Government was not go-ing to hit its 2.5 per cent inflation target. "On the balance of probabilities I would stand by that view."

The Governor added: "I predict with great confidence that there will be disagreements in the future and I hope that

people will accept that as a part of the very healthy transparent arrangements that we have for running monetary policy.

Despite Mr George's misgiv ings, most City analysts be-lieve the recent weakness of the economy will lead to base rates being cut from 6.5 per cent to 6 per cent over the next

few months. A survey of company atti-

tudes to capital investment in Two retailers set Christmas records property yesterday found that businesses are starting 1996 with a gloomier outlook than they had six months ago. which promised special offers on 200 products dur-The softening of the econo-

my has made companies more cautious about spending on

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Saturday Notebook Bit of a gamble on consuming more



Edited by Alex Brummer

HE razzmatazz in the build-up to tonight's lot-tery draw is unprecedented. With an estimated £40 million jackpot up for grabs, there have been impas sioned arguments on the mo-rality of state-run gambling. Overlooked amid the hype has been the economics of the lottery. There has been some analysis of the regressive na-ture of this form of betting --shifting resources from poor people to rich people — but precious little about the wider

According to research from economists at Kleinwort Benson, the impact last year was quite marked. As a proportion of overall consumption, bet-ting and gambling had been falling from a peak of around 1.75 per cent of GDP at the start of the 1970s to just under 1 per cent by the end of 1994. Since the start of the lottery in November 1994, however, the graph shows the line shooting upwards almost ver-tically, so that gambling now accounts for 1.4 per cent of what is more, spending on the lottery helped underpin consumption. What is more, spending on the lottery helped underpin consumption at a time when it was being squeezed by the pressure on real incomes. In-cluding the lottery, consumption grew by 2.6 per cent in the

year to the third quarter of 1995, but once the lottery was stripped out expansion was far more modest at 2.1 per cent. Spending on the lottery this week being an exception - now seems to have reached a plateau, so we should not

expect the new gambling craze to have a similar effect on consumption growth this ear. However, as Kleinwort Ben son points out, consumption may receive a twin boost this

year from maturing Tessas and windfall gains from bank and building society mergers

the mid-1990s than the sen-

been racing away on the ex-

pectation that the details of the de-merger of the EMI music business, owner of the

Capitol and Virgin labels, will

be unveiled with the group's

The shares were up a fur-ther 2 per cent in the latest

trading and the market feels

they still have a way to go. On the other side of the At-

cision to directly attack its

cost base, with the loss of 40.000 jobs, as part of its restructuring ahead of the break-up of its business.

It plans, by the end of 1996

eparately-quoted units leav-

AT&T to fight out the telecoms

wars in the UK and elsewhere

to spin-off its equipment and

computing businesses into

ing a slimmer, less complex

It is against this back-

ground that one has to view the current tussle between

Granada and Forte. It is to

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Granada's credit that it recog-nised the hidden value in

nine-month results in

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stay ahead of the game by releasing some of this value. A positive note, just published by broker Kleinwort Benson Securities, recognises this. Although it believes that a raised offer from Granada together with a more detailed plan - might still secure victory, the broker is much more excited about what it calls Forte New Co. It argues that without the restaurants and other peripherals Forte could emerge as one of the "most attractive hotel companies The significance of the Forte break-up is that it will ocus management attention. Whether the senior hotel man agement at Forte is good enough to release that poten-tial is less certain.

Roberto Mendoza of JP Morgan and the defence team at Forte (see page 37) that they

have until now managed to

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N important question which Messrs Kemp-Welch and Plenderleith ought to be asking themselves as they temporarily take the executive helm at the Stock Exchange, is whether a chief executive is needed at all. Or if one is appointed whether it should be for a short, fixed mandate with the job of affect tively liquidating what is left of the existing stock market. Certainly, the exchange has shown it can do certain things by holding the ring such as the creation of the AIM mar-

ket, which has enabled a number of foundlings to gain access to equity capital. But more often than not,

and since Big Bang a decade ago, it has looked like an increasing irrelevance in search of a role. When it comes to technology it is clueless. The Taurus settlement débàcle demonstrated this clearly. The Bank of England and others came in with Crest to save face for the City, as UK settlement became increas-

ingly antique compared with that overseas. Despite all the confident blather about Sequence — and the possible dual quote/order driven trading system — it is by no means certain that this will be toolproof.

In fact, it might have been better to have left the development of electronic share trading to those — such as Reuter and EBS - who know how to

the Chancellor over interest rates this year and that during their disagreement in 1995 Mr Clarke had taken "more risks than we felt it was prudent to do".

Stressing that the battle against inflation was never won, the Governor said it was important for Britain to abide by the tough Maastricht convergence criteria for monetary union, even if a political decision was taken to remain outside a single currency.

It would be "entirely accept-able", he said, for the UK to let other countries go ahead, pro-vided it was from a position of

among retailers was fuelled yesterday by strong Christmas trading figures from the John Lewis department store/supermarket group and from Yorkshire-based super-market chain Wm Morri-

ROWING optimism

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John Lewis said its superfor November. market chain, Waitrose, had its most successful Christmas ever, with sales more than 13 per cent ahead of the previous year.

stores during December was 4.3 per cent, the second-best monthly perfor-mance of the year. Sales in Sales in the shortened week between Christmas and the new year were 30 per cent

rtment stores week before Christmas During the five weeks were a fifth higher than in ended December 31, 1995 the supermarket takings of Next week a string of high

the group increased by 18 per cent compared with street chains, from Dixon to Sears. will report their the previous year. But optimism about pros-Christmas performance. pects for the supermarkets was dented by Safeway's announcement of price They are expected to show a continuation of the surge in spending which emerged cuts. There will be reduc-tions of a third in the prices from government statistics of 70 best-selling products, including bread, pasta, cereal and chips. Safeway's campaign fol-Morrison's supermarket chain said the increase in sales from comparable

City analysts said yesterday that these moves did not represent a new round in the long-running price war. because the price cuts cover only a limited product range, involve special offers from food manufacturers and have been launched at a time when sales are traditionally low. But fears that the moves

could lead to serious pricecutting hit the price of supermarket shares. Sains bury feli by 5p, Tesco shares lows the launch earlier in the week of Sainsbury's were down 2p and Safeway's owner, Argyll, January Savers campaign,

new offices, outlets and other property holdings, said the Confederation of British Industry and consultancy firm Grin

they can only satisfy future

traffic demands and maintain

Retailers were the most optimistic group in the survey, with 45 per cent intending to increase property investmen Meanwhile, the Society for Motor Manufacturers and Traders said that the 1.9 per cent increase in new car regis trations to 1,945,366 in 1995 was "disappointing", with the overall increase masking a 3 per cent drop in sales to the private customer. Business

sales were up 6 per cent. saw its shares dip 2p.

reate and run such systems ITHOUT doubt there is Indeed EBS, a system which which pleases stock markets more in as been developed and run by the 10 biggest forer market makers, others a useful sible spin-off. In the past few precedent days Thorn EMI shares have

The foreign exchanges, where the volume of transac tions is far higher than on equity markets, run entirely on such commercially devel oped systems. There is no such thing as a centrally-imposed foreign exchange dealing system.

The other key exchange function is running the listing requirements/rulebook. Even here there has been some loss of confidence. The failure to ntic there has been an enthu follow through and incorporate the Greenbury code on siastic response to AT&T's de executive pay has been a disappointment and highlights the difficulties of steering the exchange's board in a sensible direction

Plainly, listing is a core function for any marketplace but it might be just as well run by a semi-autonomous body, similar perhaps to the Takeover Panel which polices nergers.

In an age of spin-offs and competitive marketplaces, from the Salomons dealing screen to Tradepoint and Sharelink, perhaps it is time for the exchange to spin-off its functions and delist itself.

Judge says jurors will hear final arguments on Monday

self in the witness box". Mr Maxwell trial Trachtenberg, with Kevin and Ian Maxwell, denies conspir-ing to defraud Maxwell penlan King sion funds by misusing shares in the Israeli drugs company Teva. The Crown alleges the defendants dishonestly used URORS in the 120-day-old Maxwell trial were told last night that they would be sent out on Monday to consider the shares as collateral for Maxwell company loans. Kevin Maxwell alone denies a their verdicts. Lord Justice Phillips told the seven women and five men to come to court on Monday prepared to spend the night in a hotel if necessary. The judge said a decision would be taken later in the week if it seemed the jurors would not reach their verdicts by the following weekend. Earlier, the jurors were told that evidence referring to a comment by one of the defendants, former Maxwell financial adviser Larry Trachtenberg had not contradicted Mr berg, "cannot carry the same weight as if you had heard it Cook's statement that the from Larry Trachtenberg him-

similar charge. The judge reminded jurors of testimony from former Maxwell pensions administrator Trevor Cook alleging that Mr Trachtenberg had said he understood the Teva shares belonged to the private Robert Maxwell Group (RMG). But the judge said Mr Cook's evidence had not made clear when Larry Trachtenberg had said this. The judge said Mr Trachten-

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Greedy Jaguar manager BA plans super-jumbo fleet jailed for three years busy airports such as its home is to introduce the larger air-Keith Harper Transport Editor base, Heathrow. craft on its long-haul routes Leading airlines say that

Financial staff

"GREEDY" Jaguar ex-ecutive who helped bleed the luxury car company of more than £1 million was jailed for three years

yesterday. Roger Fielding, 44, a manager in the firm's technical publications department, "be trayed" his bosses to pocket more than £834,000 in bribes in return for farming out a string of valuable contracts to favoured companies taking part in the fraud.

One of them was a subsid-iary of advertising giant Saatchi and Saatchi.

Snaresbrook Crown Court heard that during the fouryear corruption scandal. Fielding installed himself in a

Nicholas Banniste

Technology Editor

THE FUTURE of Welsh

Water's £872 million

agreed bid for Swalec, the

company rejected Ofwat's

request that the regulated

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The water and electricity

regulators, in a joint submis-

sion late last year to the Office

of Fair Trading, argued that a

separate listing was neces-

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They feared the loss of oppor-

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regional electricity group, w in doubt last night after the

estaurants and received free flights. Passing sentence, Judge Stephen Robbins told the father-of-four, his colleague

totalling £25,000, lavish lunches and free flights to Ronald Parker and three co-France. Reynard Platt, 52, of South defendants that it was a "human tragedy" such people should find themselves before Beaconsfield, Bucks, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to cor-rupt and was jailed for two the court. But, he said: "I have a public duty to perform in sentencing you. The message vears. He was head of Saat chi's Facilities Group and Number 32 subsidiaries. All three men were ordered

counting and was ordered to do 200 hours community ser-vice and pay £20,000 costs. Steven Williams, 42, an Aus-tralian national, of Tedding-ton. Middx, admitted conspirmotivated by financial

Parker, 62, of Coventry, also acy to corrupt and conspiracy to defraud Jaguar. He will be sentenced on Monday. admitted a similar conspiracy

to the OFT.

quate, the regulator might

have to revise his submission

The OFT has to deliver its

recommendations to Ian Lang. the Trade and Industry Secre-

tary, in time for the minister

January 25. Welsh Water said it failed to

see why it should list its water

been required to do so when it

took over Norweb. It believes

the separate listing arrange-

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business separately when North West Water had not

to announce his decision by

BRITISH Airways plan to develop a flest of £125 million super-jum | manager in Jaguar's technical publications department, Parker enjoyed backhanders bo aircraft, each capable of carrying 600 passengers, is being discussed with Boeing. The airline confirmed yes erday that its chairman, Sir Colin Marshall, had written t Frank Shrontz, head of

Boeing, expressing interest in the idea. As one of the largest carriers. BA would make a suitable partner for Boeing. which will only proceed with the project if it is convinced of the reliability of its customer. BA is also talking to Airbus about a similar project. Its aim

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Boeing 747 - 400 seats

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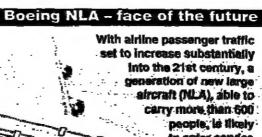
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within five years to soak up the growing demand for air travel, officially forecast to double within the next 10 years. The larger aircraft will be less noisy, with the potential to carry heavier loads. BA's nearest equivalent to these aircraft is the Boeing 47-400 series, which can carry 426 passengers and 17 tonnes of cargo. The alrine already has 31 and has placed orders for a further 31. Super-jumbos form an inte-

gral part of the development strategy for the world's larg-est airlines. BA has been arguing that increasing airport congestion could handicap it severely, particularly at very

market share on international routes with large aircraft. Boeing and Airbus have conducted feasibility studies on constructing an aircraft able to carry up to 800 passen gers with a range of 10,000 miles. Initial designs envisag accommodating passengers on multi-decks, including the underfloor belly.

Final figures released by Boeing yesterday show that it finished the year with 346 new orders worth \$31 billion (£19 billion). Up to the end of November, Airbus secured 106 orders.



With airline passenger traffic set to increase substantially Into the 21st century, a cieneration of new large sircraft (NLA), able to carry more than 600 people, is likely

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Water said yesterday that a separate listing of its core

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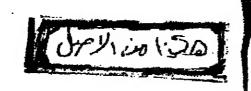
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Russia's rampant mafia keeps western firms at bay. JON HENLEY reports from Helsinki Share frontiers Border route by passes bandits fall as Europe deals directly

EKKA Pattinismi sells flash cars — Jaguars and Range Rovers - to wealthy Russians. It is not yet a very big business but it is

healthy, and Mr Pattiniemi, of the leading British dealer Inchcape Motors, asks no questions. "It's strictly eash up front."

he said. "We take whatever they'll pay: sterling, dollars, finnmarks. Where they got it from we don't want to know, and what they do once they're over the border we don't ask.

Relatively, it's low exposure." On the other side of town, Risto Heiskanen of McCor-mick, the world's largest food flavourings firm, is selling herbs and spices to foodstores from St Petersburg to Novosi-birsk. His high-volume, low-margin business is the opposite of Mr Pattiniemi's, but it too is doing very nicely.

tribute them. It's clean, efficient and safe."

Security, the biggest headache in the vast but chaotic Russian market, is prompting an increasing number of western companies to take the back-door approach through the comfort and order of neighbouring Finland.

"Right now, the main problems in Russia are security and the lack of competent people," said Mr Pattiniemi, who heads Inchcape Motors Finnish unit near Helsinki 'It's almost impossible to tell who is mafia and who isn't. We have a stock of 50 to 80 quality cars here — there's no way we'd want those in Russia." Mr Heiskanen, managing

director of McCormick's Finn- | trading history with its huge ish operation, put the problem even more succinctly. "Basi-cally, other countries have insurance companies and Russia has the mafia," he said. Acer, the world's seventhlargest computer brand, said last month that security and iemi sald. legal concerns were behind its

'It's strictly cash up front. We take whatever they'll pay. Where they got

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operation, established just over a year ago through the decision to open a Russian assembly and distribution centre in the Finnish border town acquisition of a Helsinki of Lappeenranta. It plans to wholesaler's food flavourines unit, is now shipping one to ship 60,000 workstations to two truckloads of spices to Russia each week. Deliveries Russian customers this year Sharing a 700-mile border with Russia, Finland has a to St Petersburg take less than long and successful post-war 12 hours, and Moscow can be

eastern neighbour. It was part of the Russian empire until early this century and still uses the same gauge rail track. "Finns understand how Russians behave." Mr Pattin-

US-based McCormick's

need half as many people. We can do with 30 people here what it would take 100 to do in Russia." He points out that organised crime is not the only potential pitfall awaiting Western retailers in Russia. "Our big problem has been that Russians simply don't know what to do with herbs

and spices," he said. "They know allspice, black pepper and salt, but that's about it. We're having to teach them we print colour leaflets and distribute them to all the stores. Simple seasonings for meat and chicken do best." Inchcape, which shipped about 50 Jaguars and 300 Land Rovers to Russia last year and

| is forecasting a 20 per cent inreached in about 24. "For Mc-Cormick, this is a very safe way to gain a foothold in the crease in 1996, has encoun-tered a different kind of mar-Russian market," said Mr Heiskanen. "Although labour costs are higher, you don't

Moscow."

"Russians want all the exras," Mr Pattiniemi said. "Lights, bars, air conditioning, leather upholstery, the works. And a lot of them want armour plating, although we won't touch that because you need specialist workshops. They have to get it done in

Both companies say they will eventually have to move their operations into the Russian market proper. But for now Finland is close enough. "For us, Russia is one of the most exciting markets in the world," Mr Pattiniemi said. "Car ownership per capita is 28 times lower than most of the rest of Europe. Sooner or later we'll have to move there - but until we have to, we're

Thanks to the EU, London can now trade on Continental bourses without having to use a local broker. MARK MILNER reports

benefits in having traders concentrated in one place. He

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SINSTRUMENTS of revolution go, it does not look much — just another computer terminal on the equity trading floor at NatWest Markets in Bishopsgate. Through it, however, NatWest traders in the City of

ing regulatory standards across Europe, he said. "You London can now deal directly on the Stockholm bourse, execould have a persistent male-factor here who gets cuting trades without having drummed out of the Brownies then joins the overseas Brownies and comes back and to use a local broker as the conduit. The door to direct dealing. trades.

which looks set to have a pro-"Regulators are going to found influence on the way share-trading is carried out in have to watch very carefully what is going on. Europe, has been opened by the European Union's Invest-ment Services Directive (ISD), Continental European bourses have been working hard in recent years to recap ture domestic equity trading lost to London after the introwhich was rung in with the

new year. In theory the ISD provides duction of the Seaq Internainstitutions with a "passport tional system. which means that if they are In some areas, such as settlement, London is now seen as lagging behind other already approved by the appropriate regulator in their European exchanges. Indeed in October, NatWest home country, they can trade on the stock markets of other EU countries without having announced that it was scaling to seek further approval. lown its market-making in Of course it is not, yet, quite that easy. Only seven of the European shares on Seaq International, citing the in-EU's 15 member countries have the requisite legislation creasing efficiency of continental bourses

in place. The remainder are expected to remedy the omission, though some may not have it in place until next

year. Different stock market structures can also, in some cases, pose problems for "remote" members. London's market maker-

based system might pose tech-nical difficulties for users more accustomed to orderdriven markets, while Amsterdam's three-tier system of retail, wholesale and quotedriven trading presents a com puter software headache.

NatWest Securities --NatWest Markets' equities business — is already hooked. It has plans for remote membership of the Amsterdam ex-change, and is considering the possibility of Milan (where it has an existing link through a

not believe that London will lose out from the changes. The City, he says, has a good re-cord of striking the balance between a regulatory regime which stops investors from local broker), as well as Helbeing fleeced but which is not so burdensome that it drives sinki and Germany's IBIS sysfirms away to other centres. Though the ISD is expected

tem. At the commercial level, emote membership allows on the way shares are traded NatWest to convert a variable across national borders, Mr cost --- the fee it previously Dobbie is cautious about the paid to the local intermediary for transactions carried out or prospects, as the process deits behalf --- into a fixed cost which, according to Scott Dob-bie, the chairman of NatWest between European markets. "No one is going to be able Securities, can be covered by a to do that through strength. reasonable" volume of trading. There are other benefits,

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ALF of Romanians fear only the rich will gain from the largest privatisation scheme in eastern Europe, according to a poll published on Thursday. Only 34 per cant said they would personally benefit from the sell-off of almost 4,000 state companies. Some 50 per cant

said only the rich would do well, according to the poll by the privately run Cantre for Studies on Public Opinion and Markets (CSOP).

"There's a tendency towards not seeing privatisation as a source of prosper-ity," said Andrei Musetescu, executive manager of CSOP. Other recent polls have shown a solid majority supporting privatisation, a cornerstone of Romanian eco.

nomic reform. The CSOP poll appeared to show a yearning for the old certainties of the communist era and fear of the country's on to a market ec



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my, according to Mr Mu-setescu. One-third of the 1,200 people polled before Christmas wanted the nationalisa tion of capital owned by those who had become rich since the fall of communism and 28 per cent said they wanted to return to some form of authoritarian rule. However, the poll showed

equal support for the ruling leftist Party of Social Democ-racy and the more liberal Democratic Convention.

Exporting expertise . . . The prototype of a four-wheel drive Mercedes Benz sports utility car, 65,000 of which are to be built annually at the German company's new plant in Alabama, was unveiled this week at the International Auto Show in Detroit PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF KOWALSKY

Mergers would result from weakness, not from strength. Everyone wants their own however. As Mr Dobbie notes, there are both risk control exchange. You lose so much control of the economy if you don't have a bourse." and management control

Cyanide death

French press creates its own bad news Update The founder of Swedish fur-

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

HE imminent closure of France's youngest and most innovative newspaper marks the latest and most significant blow to the struggling French press. Info-Matin will appear for the last time on Monday — three days short of its second birthday. The five-days-a-week news-

paper, which has lost Fr170 million (£22.6 million) since its launch, is the latest victim of a deepening crisis in the French press. In November, Nouveau Di-

manche, a Sunday tabloid, closed only two months after launching. Staff at the daily

Libération went on strike last month over cost-cutting measures. There are persistent rumours that France's biggest newspapers, the rightwing Fi-garo and the downmarkst France-Soir, are to be sold.

The only daily newspaper to be weathering a crisis which, due to high newsprint prices, has hit several countries is Le Monde. The left-wing daily has a loyal establishment readership and underwent a redesign last year. Le Canard Enchainé, the sa-

tirical weekly, continues to do well, mainly thanks to muchpublicised investigative stories since prime minister Alain Juppé came to power in June.

Anne Chaussebourg, dep-uty editor of Le Monde, said Mr Juppé's plan to cut welfare benefits. At Libération, editor French national newspapers faced a more complicated market than do their British coun-

"There is much less of a culture of reading national newspapers. The regional press, even if it is also suffering from high paper prices, has sus-tained itself better," she said. Last month's national transport strike sounded the death-knell for InfoMatin. which with its commuterfriendly A4 format was read largely by office workers.

All newspapers suffered dis-tribution problems during the three-week stoppage, and the difficulties worsened when

print unions sporadically joined national action against

Serge July said: "Many French businesses are ex-pected to go under as a result of the strike action in December. The press has been partic-ularly hard hit."

InfoMatin — which made a niche for itself with full-colour graphics and cheeky head-lines — never sold more than

70,000 copies, half the amount it needed to be viable. André Rousselet, the friend of former president François Mitterrand who saved Info-Matin eight months after its launch, says he is closing the newspaper because he has lost

faith in the commitment of its staff. "I have tolerated a lot and was even prepared to lose Fr35 million this year. But I have not had so much as a hint of support for a rationalisation plan." he said. Earlier this week, the

paper's 86 staff rejected a call from Mr Rousselet for their holiday entitlement to be cut from eight to five weeks. One InfoMatin journalist said: "We really believe in this product and have worked long hours with extraordinary let to commitment. For Rouse

pin InfoMatin's demise on a dispute over holidays is most unfair. The issue is his commitment, not ours."

niture retailer. Ikea, said rouses Italy to there were no plans to float the business, ingvar Kamprad claimed a stock market listing would endanger its long-term resist loan sharks strategy. "It would be harder to work in as long-term a way as we want and need to. Share holders demand quicker returns on their money. Also JOHN GLOVER dividends have to be paid. A listed company also risks hosreports on how tile takeover bids," the 69year-old was quoted as saying in the Manadens Affarer busismall businesses ness magazine. are being driven

□ Italy's inflation rate de-clined in December for the to the usurers first time in five months, while the economy grew faster than that of any leading country in the third quarter. The annual rate of used in his workshop in Pom-pei, near Naples, and died — becoming this year's first vicconsumer price inflation in the world's fifth-largest economy was 5.8 per cent in December, down from a four-year high of 6 per cent tim of Italy's growing band of usurers. There has been a string of suicides over the last five years whose origins were in November.

Greece's capital markets traced back to debts run up commission has recalled the with loan sharks. Modern moneylenders are licence of Athens stock ex-change member, Ependysi Bro no less greedy than their medi-eval forebears. Press reports kerage, after it failed to increase its share capital before the December 31 deadline. put interest rates required at

anything from 120 per cent an-nually to 500 per cent. The European Bank for Loan sharking was once the **Reconstruction and Devel**province of the small money-lender — often a retired shopopment, the Dutch bank ABN-Amro and MeesPierkeeper making use of the proson have granted a ceeds from the sale of his \$225 million (£145 million) business. But in the 1990s it loan to subsidaries of the eems to have taken on new Russian shipping group, Noproportions. vorossiysk. The money will Back in 1993, a shopkeepers be used to help finance the association thought it was worth about 2 trillion lire building of 11 product tankers due for completion later (£833 million) annually. Last November, the central bank

came out with a conservative The Swedish retail workers but still worrying, estimate of union, Handels, said yester-4 trillion lire. Other estimates day it will host an internatalk of around 10 trillion lire. tional union conference about Organised crime is moving American toy store chain. in According to Confcommer Toys 'R' Us, to try to force it to cio, a shopkeepers' organisa-tion, new alliances between recognise trade unions. Handels delivered a minor blow to east and west European ma-Toys 'R' Us last year when the fias are channelling cash into US corporation was forced to illegal loans, aiming to get cave in after a 13-week strike their hands on their victims' and sign a collective wage businesses to use them to agreement with its staff. recycle drug money. Italy, which according to the associ-

European Business la ation receives mafia "investedited by Mark Milner ments" of 80 trillion-100 tril-

lion lire a year, is a favourite destination.

Mr Rivieccio's death has raised a storm. "An aggres sion against man, against thousands of families, and against society", said L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican daily. Priests have played a widely publicised role in pris ing victims from loan sharks' clutches.

The victims are generally small shopkeepers and artisans, often working for state agencies. "Payments come in very late from the railways, post office, health authorities regional governments and so on, says Lino Buzà, a spokes-man for Conferesercenti, a shopkeepers' and hotellers

"Our members often have to take on debts from a bank to complete a contract. When payment doesn't arrive and the bank demands its money back, they turn to friends, or friends of friends."

Private enterprise is not without sin. The first to suffer when big business gets into trouble are its small suppliers. The banks are also in the firing line, accused of being too easer to protect them-selves against the risk of default, pushing borrowers into loan sharks' hands.

For the small business, get ting money out of the banks is excessively difficult. And they ask for property in guarantee, taking no notice of the business's prospects. Lending extra venom to the row is the fact that bank employees are often involved with loan sharks.

The banks reply that they are not charitable organisations. They promise harsh treatment for employees involved with loan sharking. A new law on the matter is wending its leisurely way through parliament. But so far there is little agreement on what it should contain.

DOW! Ugh! There were ugly scenes this week when Mickey Mouse and his friends came to

CGT 'cast' and US-style managers

blows with security guards. The fisticuffs, between "cast members" at Disney-land Paris and guards pro-

tecting the theme park, happened when striking workers tried to demon-

strate by the ticket office. According to the Communist-led CGT union, four of the 200 demonstrators were injured, including a train driver who was concussed and a cleaner who suffered a twisted wrist. The management says its security guards took the brunt of the clash, with 14 injured.

The confrontation, which happened on New Year's Eve but became public knowledge only later in the week, is the latest to blight relations between powerful French unions and US-style managers at Disneyland. Roger Dupont, the local CGT co-ordinator, said yes-terday: "The management

clash, writes ALEX DUVAL SMITH are using methods we have never seen in France before, like filming demonstrators. Since last Sunday, they have asked to interview 18

of the demonstrators with a view to sacking them." Disneyland managers deny that security guards

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CGT — the main union at the park — since a salary deal was struck last month with the right-wing CSL, the second biggest anion on the site. In September, all unions called for salary in-creases to reflect Disney-Eurocats

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have attacked employees. They say that it was the demonstrators who attacked the guards. Relations have soured beween management and the

land-Paris's first year of profit after four years at Marne-la-Vallée. CSL agreed on a 8 per cent increase - 2 per cent immediately and 1 per cent linked to personal performance. The CGT is opposed to performance-related pay. Disneyland-Paris, which

recorded a profit of Fr114 million (£15.2 mil-lion) last year, has had a

altogether. staged a two-week strike





Mickey Mouse demonstrators turn to slapstick French unions since before it opened in 1991. Initially it wanted to ban unions, but that would have been in breach of French law. Now the CGT says it has 37 per cent membership among the 7,000 non-whitecollar workers at the park. There are 8,000 employees Last month, cleaners

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How it runs, what it does

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WORDS such as "facilitate" tend to crop up when Stock Exchange officers explain what the institution does and why it exists, write Paul Murphy and Pouline Springett. Its two main function are assisting companies to raise cash and belping people to trade shares in those comparis hose companies. It has a regulatory and an organisational function, too. New companies seeking to raise money are vetted. for soundness, while those already listed are expected to follow the exchange's rules on behaviour, such as keeping investors up to date on corporate developments. On the organisational side, it runs the computer systems which generate share prices and provides a service for settling share transactions. It is these two organisational aspects which are under threat. Executive power is centred on a 20-strong board which has the final say in all decisions, taking advice on issues such as rule changes from 18 main committees made up of exchange personnel and stock market practitioners. Vari-ous sub-committees operate

below these. The board's composition is decided by the 350 member stockbroking firms, each carrying one vote. The exchange's power structure has been simpli-fied dramatically with the size of the board having been cut. But there is pre sure for further reform of the exchange which some market factions still see as a self-serving bureaucracy.

has also been formed, made up of three of London's most pow a ful market-making firms:

NatWest Markets.

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cant-ejector seat marked "Chief Executive of the London Stock Exchange" will not necessarily be expected to have a nose for quality post.

But at the beart of the Stock Exchange's problems today is the fact that just a few years age the requirement for "social club-shility" would have been at or near the top of the job spec.

This year marks the 19th anniversary of "Big Beng", when share trading in Londan was dragged into the second half of the 26th-century with the introduction of an electronic trading system and a new rule book.

The board of the exchange has spent the years since trying to modernise itself. It no lenger likes to be referred to a the "Counch", for instance,_ generally trying to shed the outmoded image of a "gentleman's club".

But the business of trading shares has also continued to change — at a breakneck speed, and in directions which are out of the exchange's control.

market. Here is a guide to hose interests: HE BIQ BATTALIONS: City stalwarts who are said in have demanded (and received) Mr Lawrence's head. They fall into two dis-

change is to avoid total frag-

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tiact groups. First, there are London's traditional market-making firms, essentially old fashioned "jobbers" who will deal with anyone, buying and sell-ing all types of shares and making their money by taking a gaick turn. Their business has become more complex with the advent of the "integrated trading house". This has involved grafting corporate finance and broking ex-pertise on to the market-mak-

New Court last year), BZW,

ing function. Such firms have their own clients to service but still deal with all comers. THE INSTITUTIONS: They consider themselves to be the arteries of the London stock market. Well-known names include Merrill Lynch (which acquired the premier British market-maker Smith

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first category. The difference lies in their near-total dedication to servicing their own clients. They are essentially mini-stock exchanges. Salomon Brothers, an American investment bank, and UBS, the Swiss trading powerhouse, are examples.

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tion on companies is release and how quickly trades are THE AGENCY BROKERS: Such firms - which come in various sizes - act as gobetweens, dealing with mar-ket-makers on behalf of inves tors. They rarely take principal positions in stocks, simply earning their money similarly principled apthrough commissions for buy proach, encouraging various ing and selling shares. They rules and codes covering account for the vast majority of Stock Exchange members, stock market conduct, and but their power is limited.

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These are the important cli-Egged on by the authorities, ents, the pension and invest-ment funds which hold shares companies such as Reuters, ICV and Tradepoint have jumped at the chance of profitfor long periods. They all want to buy and sell at the keenest ing from the erosion of the prices, but whether they speak with one voice about how Lon-Stock Exchange's powers. For them, chaos in the market is-

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has had its eye on the London driven system, market-mak-ers post prices at which they are prepared to buy and sell shares in all market conditions. For taking that risk. market-makers are granted certain privileges, such as keeping their positions in particular stocks secret and being able to delay publication of certain trades while they square their books".

The prime advantage of this approach is that investors are have been rolling since the bealways able to deal, there is strong market "liquidity". The alleged disadvantage is that The Treasury has tended to ide with the OFT, adopting a the "spread" — the difference between the price at which investors can buy and sell shares — is unnaturally large; that, in effect, a cartel of market-mak-

pushing for the development ers is profiteering. What's more, some firms

have begun to use their market-making privileges for other ends, for example, building predatory stakes in com-panies — breaching the spirit, f not the letter, of the Stock Exchange's rules. All other leading stock mar-

institutions are clamouring trading screens - stating how many shares they want to buy in a particular company at a particular price. In effect, there is a rolling electronic

auction of stock. The main advantage is that prices appearing on trading screens are "real" — no one is taking a turn. The disadvantage is that if a company is out of fashion or favour, or simply small, it may be difficult for investors to deal when they vant to. Markets can become

illioutd. Aside from the OFT and ome of the more adventurous institutions, the proponents of change include the likes of Salomon Brothers and UBS. They are used to the order-driven approach on other exchanges and believe London is anti-quated. They reckon London's

pproach is unfair to certain es of investor. They are being resisted by

firms whose cultural roots in London go deeper. Houses such as Merrill Lynch and Kleinwort Benson appear to accept that electronic advances on other bourses threaten London's position as

for an order-driven market. While Mr Kemp-Welch instead, they smell a bureaucratic rat. This brings in another vested interest" --- the Stock Exchange as a corporate entity. Although it has shed thousands of jobs over recent years, the exchange still employs more than 1,000 people. its main source of revenue has een the provision of the Talisman system for settling share trades. This will be replaced next summer by the

Bank of England's Crest ser-vice. An order-driven market encompassing some sort of pay-as-you-deal arrangement. might help replenish the exchange's coffers. This is the porridge of conflicting views which has been

placed under the nose of the Bank of England. Faced with the threat of the exchange dis-integrating, the Bank has ed that one of its directors, Ian Plenderleith, step into the position of deputy chairman at the exchange — shoring up John Kemp-Welch as chairman. In classic Stock Ex-change tradition, a committee

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backed in turn by the Bank of England governor, Eddie George, insists the exchange's strategy remains one of introducing an order-driven system alongside the market-making mechanism, the make-up of the committee suggests that at best the scheme will be delayed. Committees always have to "consult". With a little help from the Government, there is one

joker which the exchange's new chief executive could play. It concerns stamp duty the 0.5 per cent tax levied on share deals. One of the key privileges enjoyed by marketmakers is that they are exmpt from this tax.

as be en promising to abolish stamp duty. Getting rid of it now would add a touch of clarity to the debate over trading systems. It would indicate which of London's marketmakers are only acting as such for the tax break. Resistance to order-driven trading

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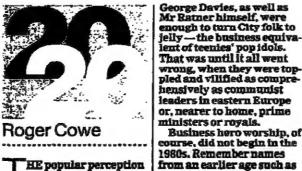
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lent of teenies' pop idols. That was until it all went wrong, when they were top pled and vilified as comprehensively as communist leaders in eastern Europe or, nearer to home, prime ministers or royals. Business hero worship, of course, did not begin in the 1980s. Remember names from an earlier age such as

of the world of business Jim Slater or John Bloom, and the City might be one of cold calculation and whose skills in finance and washing machines respecintense rationality. Yet this tively fell far short of their world needs its heroes and inflated reputation. Times have changed, and thus the nature of the heits simple truths — as much

as the school playeround, the football terraces or the roes, but, even in the cur-Palace of Westminster. rent decade of sober-suited accountability, not the need But the trouble in satisfying the deep-seated need for heroes and simple truths is for them. The City now wor ships dour, steely qualities that heroes are rare. and rather than the flamboyance and overweening amsimple truths, by their very bition of Mr Ratner and nature, oversimplify. So heroes fall just as friends.

Perhaps even that is alswiftly as they are created, ready changing, since one of as we saw this week with Mr Lawrence's failings at Michael Lawrence's swift the Stock Exchange was departure from the Stock said to be a poor sense of humour. Life at the top of Exchange. The 1980s retail boom, of which Gerald Ratner and the Stock Exchange tower is hardly a bundle of laughs, his fast-expanding jewelbut if humour is a general lery chain were spectacular protagonists, was particu-larly riddled with heroes. requirement for late 1990s heroes it explains the at-Names such as Terence Contraction of Granada's Gerry ran, Ralph Halpern and Robinson — a man of steel

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but usually with a smile on his lips. It is difficult to remember now, but two years ago Mr Lawrence was the man who was going to save the Stock Exchange, the man unfet-tered by the cosy City culture which had shackled his predecessors, perfectly equipped with a background in finance, who had proved himself at the highest levels of the mighty Prudential. This hero syndrome is

part of a much wider malalse, under which complicated business issues of many shades of grey are turned into black-and-white matters in a search for simplicity which can only fail recisely because business s infinitely more complex. Clearly, the line between business success and failure is very fine. The influence of a single individual in pushing a company success fully along that line is rarely as critical as is often

supposed, especially in the short term over which most people occupy top jobs. So, despite the accolades for people such as Archie Norman at Asda, George Simpson at Rover and now

Lucas, and Mr Robinson at Granada, the truth is probably less grand. And when they fall, as they may, their failings will also be less grand.

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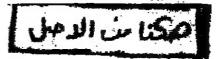
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